2017 USC Rose Bowl Game Guide

#25 TB Ronald Jones II
1,027 Rushing Yards, 11 TD

#72 OT Chad Wheeler
All-American First Team,
All-Pac-12 First Team

#35 ILB Cameron Smith
Team-High 79 Tackles

#45 DE Porter Gustin
Team-Highs 12 TFL, 5.5 Sacks

#73 OT Zach Banner
All-American, Two-Time
All-Pac-12 First Team

#2 CB-WR-RET
Adoree' Jackson
2016 Thorpe Award Winner,
Unanimous All-American,
Pac-12 Defensive Player of
the Year

Head Coach Clay Helton
Bryant Coach of Year
Award Finalist

#14 QB Sam Darnold
Pac-12 Offensive
Freshman of the Year

#9 WR JuJu Smith-Schuster
63 Receptions, 9 TD

USC: AMERICA'S BOWL TEAM

USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. Entering the 2016 bowl season, the Trojans have the nation's seventh highest bowl winning percentage (.660) among the 89 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .846, Utah's .789, Miami of Ohio's and San Jose State's .700, Boise State's .688 and Toledo's .667). USC's 33 bowl victories are second behind Alabama's 36 for most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34 for USC, 37 for Alabama). Troy's 50 bowl appearances are sixth most, behind Alabama (64), Texas (53), Nebraska (52), Tennessee (51) and Georgia (51) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 52 for USC, 65 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 33-17 (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34-18). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990 (USC was banned from bowl participation in 1980-82-83).

Troy has appeared in an unprecedented 32 Rose Bowls, where it has a 24-8 mark (.750) (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 Rose Bowls, 24-9, .718). That's not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 11 of its last 13 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 11 of its last 14). USC is the only team to have won 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-09). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973-76) is the only other team to have done so.

USC has also appeared in 13 other bowls--the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice), Emerald Bowl and Holiday Bowl (twice).

USC made 5 BCS bowl appearances (2003 Orange Bowl vs. Iowa, 2004 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2007 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2008 Rose Bowl vs. Illinois, 2009 Rose Bowl vs. Penn State) (not including 2 appearances–2005 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma, 2006 Rose Bowl vs. Texas–vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: an unprecedented 7 consecutive BCS bowl appearances). USC's 5 overall BCS bowl trips tied for seventh most, behind Ohio State's 9, Oklahoma's 9, Florida State's 8, Florida's 7, Viginia Tech's 6 and Alabama's 6 (not including 2 appearances vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 7 appearances, tied for fourth most; also, 1 Ohio State appearance vacated by NCAA penalty). USC's 5 BCS bowl wins tied with Ohio State for the most of any school (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record; 6 victories, tied with Ohio State for most; also, 1 Ohio State win vacated by NCAA penalty).

USC's Rose Bowl Record

1923--USC 14, Penn State 3
1930--USC 47, Pittsburgh 14
1932--USC 21, Tulane 12
1933--USC 35, Pittsburgh 0
1939--USC 7, Duke 3
1940--USC 14, Tennessee 0
1944--USC 29, Washington 0
1945--USC 25, Tennessee 0
1946--Alabama 34, USC 14
1948--Michigan 49, USC 0
1953--USC 7, Wisconsin 0
1955--Ohio State 20, USC 7
1963--USC 42, Wisconsin 37
1967--Purdue 14, USC 13
1968--USC 14, Indiana 3
1969--Ohio State 27, USC 16
1970--USC 10, Michigan 3
1973--USC 42, Ohio State 17
1974--Ohio State 42, USC 21
1975--USC 18, Ohio State 17
1977--USC 14, Michigan 6
1979--USC 17, Michigan 10
1980--USC 17, Ohio State 16
1985--USC 20, Ohio State 17
1988--Michigan State 20, USC 17
1989--Michigan 22, USC 14
1990--USC 17, Michigan 10
1996--USC 41, Northwestern 32
*2004--USC 28, Michigan 14
*2006--Texas 41, USC 38** (BCS Championship Game)
*2007--USC 32, Michigan 18
*2008–USC 49, Illinois 17
*2009–USC 38, Penn State 24

USC's Record in Other Bowls

1924–USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival)
1975–USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl)
1977–USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl)
1982–Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl)
1985–Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl)
1987–Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl)
1990–Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl)
1992–Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl)
1993–USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl)
1995–USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1998–TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl)
2001–Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl)
*2003–USC 38, Iowa 17 (Orange Bowl)
*2005–USC 55**, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Championship Game)
2009–USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl)
2012–Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl)
2013–USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl)
2014–USC 45, Nebraska 42 (Holiday Bowl)
2015 –Wisconsin 23, USC 21 (Holiday Bowl)
*BCS Bowl game
**2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

USC QUICK FACTS

Location ..... Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone ..... (213) 740-2311
Founded 1880
Size ..... 235 acres
Enrollment ..... 43,000 (19,000 undergraduates)
President ..... C.L. Max Nikias
Colors ..... Cardinal and Gold
Nickname ..... Trojans
Band ..... Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song ..... "Fight On"
Mascot ..... Traveler VII
Official Website ..... USCTrojans.com
Sports Information Director ..... Tim Tessalone
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Assoc. Sports Information Director ..... Paul Goldberg
(w-213-740-8480; c-213-725-3567; pgoldber@usc.edu)
Asst. Sports Information Director ..... Katie Ryan
(w-213-740-8480; c-949-874-5475; katierya@usc.edu)

First Football Team 1888
USC's All-Time Football Record 822*-336-54 (70.1%)
Stadium ..... Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
(93,607 capacity, natural grass surface)
Conference Pac-12
Athletic Director ..... Lynn Swann
Head Football Coach ..... Clay Helton (Houston, 1994)
Record at USC ..... 15-7, 3 Years
Overall College Coaching Record ..... 15-7, 3 Years
Coach's Telephone ..... (213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation ..... Multiple
Defensive Formation 5-2
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 836-337-54, 70.3%)*

Rose Bowl Game Media Director ..... Karen Linhart
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USC FOOTBALL ROSE BOWL NOTES

RANKINGS
USC is ranked ninth in both the AP sports media and the USA Today coaches poll. Penn State is fifth in both polls.

SERIES
USC leads its series with Penn State, 5-4. Troy won the past 2 games (35-24 in the 2009 Rose Bowl and 29-5 in the 2000 Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J.), but the Nittany Lions captured the previous 3 meetings after the Trojans won 3 of the series' first 4 games (including in the 1923 Rose Bowl in the first USC-PSU matchup). The teams played 5 times in the 1990s. USC holds a 2-1 edge in post-season games and but the teams are tied 1-1 in the Kickoff Classic.

In the most recent meeting (each squad's most recent Rose Bowl appearance), No. 5 USC beat No. 6 Penn State, 35-24, in the 2009 Rose Bowl (following the 2008 season). QB Mark Sanchez threw 4 touchdowns and ran for another as Troy built a 24-point halftime lead. Penn State coach Joe Paterno coached from the press box while recovering from hip surgery.

In that 2000 meeting, No. 15 USC used a dominating defense (No. 22 Penn State never got inside the 20-yard line and had only 142 total yards, including just 6 rushing) and scored TDs on offense (TB Petros Papadakis' 2-yard run), defense (S Troy Polamalu's 43-yard interception return) and special teams (WR Sandy Fletcher returned a blocked punt 6 yards and PK David Newbury had 3 field goals) to hand the Nittany Lions their worst opening loss since 1983.

In the first bowl appearance for either team—and the first Rose Bowl played in the present stadium—USC defeated the Nittany Lions, 14-3, in the 1923 Rose Bowl (following the 1922 season). The Trojans were a substitute Western entry for California, which had declined the invitation. USC's first touchdown was set up by Harold Galloway, who caught a pass while flat on his back at the 2-yard line. Penn State arrived at the game 45 minutes late after being caught in a traffic jam. USC coach Elmer "Gloomy Gus" Henderson was upset that his Trojans had to wait, claiming Penn State coach Hugo Bezdek stalled on purpose, so he confronted Bezdek outside the lockerroom. An argument and near fistfight followed. Because of the game's late start, it concluded in moonlight as sportswriters had to strike matches to complete their stories

The teams didn't meet again until the 1982 Fiesta Bowl (following the 1981 season). Penn State's defense and key Trojan miscues led to USC's first non-Rose Bowl post-season defeat, 26-10. Trojan Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen, who was held to 85 rushing yards, fumbled the ball away on USC's first possession and the Lions' Curt Warner, who ran for 145 yards, went in to score several plays later. USC's only TD came on a 20-yard interception return by Chip Banks.

VERSUS BIG TEN CONFERENCE
USC is 74-28-3 (.719) against current Big Ten opponents. USC had won its last 13 games against Big Ten foes before losing its most recent meeting (to Wisconsin in the 2015 Holiday Bowl, 23-21). Troy has won 34 of its last 43 games (and 41 of its last 51) versus the Big Ten. USC is 19-10 against the Big Ten in bowls and has won 8 of the last 9 bowl meetings. On the other hand, Penn State is 24-13-0 (.649) against current Pac-12 members. The Nittany Lions' most recent game against a Pac-12 foe was a 38-24 loss to USC in the 2009 Rose Bowl (PSU defeated Oregon State, 45-14, earlier in that 2008 season). In bowls, Penn State is 5-3 against the Pac-12 (most recently, falling to USC in that 2009 Rose Bowl).

10-WIN SEASON
A victory over Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl would give USC a 10-win season for the 26th time in history (most recently in 2013).

SEASON ENDERS
USC is 68-42-11 (.607) in all season finales (does not include 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 69-43-11, .606.).

MONDAY GAMES
USC is 17-12 on Mondays, including 13-4 in bowl games. USC's last Monday game was a 21-7 loss to Georgia Tech in the 2012 Sun Bowl.

IN JANUARY
USC has a 32-11 (.744) all-time record while playing in the month of January, including 26-10 in January bowls (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33-12, .733 overall and 27-11 in bowls).

ON JANUARY 2
USC owns a 5-2 record in games played on Jan. 2, including 2-2 in the Rose Bowl. The games were in 1898 (5-0 win over Santa Barbara AC in the rain), 1932 (35-0 win over Pittsburgh in the 1933 Rose Bowl as USC won a national championship), 1938 (7-3 win over previously unbeaten, unscored upon Duke in the 1939 Rose Bowl), 1966 (14-13 loss to Purdue as USC's late 2-point conversion try failed in the 1967 Rose Bowl), 1988 (22-14 loss to Michigan in the 1989 Rose Bowl), 1994 (55-14 win over Texas Tech in the 1995 Cotton Bowl) and 2002 (38-17 win over Iowa in the 2003 Orange Bowl).

ESPN GAMEDAY
ESPN's popular College GameDay pre-game show GameDay has been at 13 USC road/neutral site games (1995 Notre Dame, 2004 Rose Bowl, 2005 Orange Bowl, 2005 Arizona State and Notre Dame, 2006 Rose Bowl, 2007 Rose Bowl, 2007 Nebraska, 2008 Rose Bowl, 2009 Rose Bowl, 2009 Ohio State and Oregon games, 2016 Washington). USC is 10-3 in those road/neutral site games, including 2 wins and 1 loss later vacated by NCAA penalty (the losses were to Notre Dame in 1995, Texas in 2006 Rose Bowl and Oregon in 2009). GameDay also has made 10 visits to USC (the Coliseum for the 2004 California and Notre Dame, 2005 UCLA, 2006 Nebraska and Notre Dame, 2008 Ohio State, 2010 Oregon, 2011 Stanford, 2012 Notre Dame games and McCarthy Quad on campus for the 2013 Stanford game). USC is 7-3 in those home games, including 1 win later vacated by NCAA penalty (the losses were to Oregon in 2010, Stanford in 2011 and Notre Dame in 2012). Overall, USC has won 73.9% of the time that GameDay has been on site (17-6, including 3 wins and 1 loss later vacated by NCAA penalty).

USC IN ROSE BOWL STADIUM
USC is 34-19 in regular and post-season games it has played in the Rose Bowl stadium, including 24-8 in the Rose Bowl Game (not including 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34-20 and 24-9), 8-10 versus UCLA and 2-1 in the 1922 regular season. USC's most recent visit to the Rose Bowl stadium was a 36-14 victory over UCLA last month on the Bruins' home field. Incidentally, USC played the first-ever football game in the Rose Bowl, a 12-0 loss to California in 1922.

USC ROSE BOWL ANNIVERSARIES
The 2016 season marks the anniversaries of 3 USC Rose Bowl seasons. It is the 50th anniversary of the 1966 season, when coach John McKay's Trojans started off 6-0 and captured the Pac-8 title to earn the first of 4 consecutive Rose Bowl berths (falling to No. 7 Purdue, 14-13, on a failed USC 2-point conversion pass with less than 3 minutes to play in the 1967 Rose Bowl). It is the 40th anniversary of the 1976 season, when first-year head coach John Robinson's squad ran off 11 consecutive victories after dropping the opener (capped by a 14-6 win over No. 2 Michigan in the 1977 Rose Bowl to end up with a No. 2 ranking in the final AP poll). It is the 10th anniversary of the 2006 season, as the Trojans made the second of 4 straight Rose Bowl trips (beating No. 3 Michigan 32-18 in the 2007 Rose Bowl after a regular season-ending defeat knocked the Trojans out of the BCS Championship Game).

GRIDIRON POWERS
USC and Penn State are among the nation's traditional college football powerhouses. To wit: USC has won 11 national championships, Penn State 2. Both teams rank among the Top 10 in career wins (Penn State is eighth with 867, USC is 10th with 822) and winning percentage (USC is seventh at .701, Penn State is 10th at .687). (USC not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 836, .703.) Both schools have produced Heisman Trophy winners (USC has 6, Penn State 1). The Trojans claim 166 All-American first teamers, while the Nittany Lions have 99. USC has 50 bowl appearances (with 33 wins), while Penn State has made it to 46 bowls (with 28 victories). (USC not including 2 appearances and 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 52 appearances, 34 wins.) The schools have been guided by legendary coaches, including USC's Howard Jones, John McKay, John Robinson and Pete Carroll and Penn State's Hugo Bezdek, Rip Engle and Joe Paterno. Both programs have distinctive uniforms (USC's cardinal and gold, PSU's blue and white), with name-free jerseys. USC has been known as "Tailback U." and Penn State as "Linebacker U."

WIN STREAK STATS

USC has shown significant improvement in several statistical categories during its current 8-game winning streak, as compared to its first 4 games of 2016 when it started off 1-3.

	First 4 Games (1-3)	Last 8 Games (8-0)
Scoring Offense	22.0 (88 pts)	38.4 (307 pts)
Total Offense	358.8 (1435 yds)	524.0 (4192 yds)
Third Down Conversions	.396 (21-of-53)	.509 (56-of-110)
Scoring Defense	29.3 (117 pts)	18.6 (149 pts)*
Total Defense	394.5 (1578 yds)	341.3 (2322 yds)
Rushing Defense	194.8 (779 yds)	103.1 (825 yds)
Sacks By	1.3 (5)	2.5 (20)

**USC held 6 opponents (all but UCLA and Notre Dame) to their fewest points of the season to that point.*

PENN STATE CONNECTIONS

USC has one current player from Pennsylvania: TE **Cary Angeline** from Dowington East High in Exton...Penn State has one player from California: LB **Koa Farmer** of Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks... USC running backs coach/run game coordinator **Tommie Robinson** is the cousin of Penn State CB **Christian Campbell**...**Silas Redd** played tailback at both Penn State (2010-11) and USC (2012-13)...USC athletic director **Lynn Swann** was a long-time resident of Pennsylvania during and after his playing career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he won 4 Super Bowls...Penn State assistant track coach (throws) **Lucais MacKay** was on the football (redshirted as an offensive lineman in 1999) and track (lettered as a thrower in 2000) teams at USC before transferring elsewhere...USC offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach **Tee Martin** played quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers (2001-02)...USC defensive line coach **Kenechi Udeze** was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Pitt (2014)...Two former Trojans currently play on the NFL's Pennsylvania teams: WR **Nelson Agholor** with the Philadelphia Eagles and TE **Xavier Grimble** with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

PENNSYLVANIA TROJANS

Fifteen USC football lettermen in history claim Pennsylvania as their hometown and attended school in the state before coming to Troy: FL **Gene Arrington** (Steelton/Harrisburg HS); S **Gerald Bowman** (Philadelphia/Imhotep HS); RT **Mike Bundra** (Catasaugua/Catasaugua HS); RG **Tom Chantilles** (York/Penn HS); QB **Ben Charles** (Lancaster/Catholic HS); C **Joe Chuha** (Johnstown/Johnstown HS); LHB **Angelo Coia** (Philadelphia/North East Philadelphia HS); LT **Dan Ficca** (Atlas/Mt. Carmel HS); OT-OG **Michael Gaytan** (Malvern/Great Valley HS); QB **Jim Jones** (Harrisburg/Harris HS); QB **Ellsworth Kissinger** (York/Penn HS); LG **Jim Samuel** (Quakertown/Quakertown HS); DT **Delvon Simmons** (McKeesport/McKeesport HS); C **Jack Trier** (Lancaster/Catholic HS); and FB **Patrick West** (Burgettstown HS and U. of Pittsburgh).

NATIONAL AWARD CONTENDERS

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** won the 2016 Thorpe Award and was a finalist for the Hornung Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. OT **Zach Banner** is a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award. QB **Sam Darnold** is a finalist for the Manning Award and was a semifinalist for the O'Brien Award. WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** was a finalist for the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award. USC's **offensive line** was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award. Head coach **Clay Helton** is a finalist for the 2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award.

ALL-AMERICANS

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** was named a 2016 unanimous All-American first teamer by AP (as a cornerback), Football Writers (as punt returner), Football Coaches (as an all-purpose player), Walter Camp (as defensive back; also second team as kick returner), Sporting News (as cornerback), ESPN (as an all-purpose player), Sports Illustrated (as an all-purpose player; also second team as a returner), CBS Sports (as a cornerback and punt returner; also second team as an all-purpose player and kick returner), Phil Steele (as a punt returner, also second team as all-purpose player and third team as defensive back and kick returner) and CollegeSportsMadness.com (as defensive back; also third team as kick returner and as punt returner) and a second teamer by USA Today (as a returner). OT **Zach Banner** made CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team. OT **Chad Wheeler** made Campus Insiders All-American first team. They are USC's 164th, 165th and 166th All-American first team selections. Jackson is USC's 28th unanimous All-American. WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** made Football Coaches All-American second team.

ALL-PAC-12

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** was named the 2016 Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year in a vote by the league's coaches, while QB **Sam Darnold** was chosen as the Pac-12 Freshman Offensive Player of the Year. OTs **Zach Banner** and **Chad Wheeler** made the All-Pac-12 first team along with Jackson, who was selected as both a defensive back and return specialist. Jackson, who with Banner repeated as an All-Pac-12 first teamer after doing so in 2015, is the seventh Trojan honored as the league's Defensive Player of the Year, joining Duane Bickett (1984), Junior Seau (1989), Chris Claiborne (1998), Shaun Cody (co- in 2004), Sedrick Ellis (2007) and Rey Maualuga (2008). Darnold is the fifth Trojan to win Freshman Offensive Player of the Year, along with Kareem Kelly (1999), Mike Williams (2002), Robert Woods (2010) and Marquise Lee (co- in 2011). Kelly and Williams were selected solely as Freshmen of the Year because offense and defense weren't designated then. Five Trojans made the All-Pac-12 second team: tailback **Ronald Jones II**, wide receiver **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, offensive guard **Damien Mama**, defensive tackle **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** and inside linebacker **Cameron Smith**. Darnold made All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as did defensive tackle **Rasheem Green**, defensive end **Porter Gustin**, safety **Chris Hawkins**, inside linebacker **Michael Hutchings**, tight end **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, cornerback **Iman Marshall**, safety **Leon McQuay III** and wide receiver **Darreus Rogers**.

USC TEAM AWARDS

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** was named USC's Most Valuable Player (the first Trojan to repeat as team MVP since 2004-05 and only the ninth to win the honor twice since the award was first presented in 1967), as well as USC's Special Teams Player of the Year, Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year and Player of the Game Vs. Notre Dame. QB **Sam Darnold** won the Most Inspirational Player Award and Bob Chandler Award (underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character). OTs **Zach Banner** and **Chad Wheeler** were USC's Offensive Linemen of the Year (Banner also won the Community Service Award), while DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** was the Defensive Lineman of the Year. WRs **Darreus Rogers** and **JuJu Smith-Schuster** were Offensive Perimeter Players of the Year. ILB **Cameron Smith** won the Trojan Way Leadership Award, while TB **Justin Davis** and S **Leon McQuay III** were presented with the Trojan Commitment Award. TE **Cary Angeline** and OLBs **Oluwole Betiku** and **Connor Murphy** were the Service Team Players of the Year. TB **Ronald Jones II** won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award (most electrifying run). WR **De'Quan Hampton** was the Player of the Game Vs. UCLA. QB **Max Browne** won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award (overall academic achievement). OLBs **Porter Gustin** and **Uchenna Nwosu** won the John McKay Award (underclassman with the most competitive spirit). ILB **Grant Moore** won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award. ILB **Michael Hutchings** won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award. The Lifters Award went to TB **Justin Davis**, FB **Reuben Peters**, OLB **Porter Gustin** and the special teams' specialists.

LOOKING TO 2017

On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 36 players (15 offense, 17 defense, 4 specialists) are non-seniors, including 17 starters (7 offense, 8 defense, 2 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured. USC's 2017 schedule will be announced in mid-January, but it will feature 7 home games in the Coliseum, including 3 straight to open the season as non-conference visitors Western Michigan on Sept. 2 (undefeated and ranked No. 12 in 2016) and Texas on Sept. 16 (making its first L.A. visit since 1967 and with new coach Tom Herman) sandwich league foe Stanford on Sept. 9, plus on to-be-determined dates there will be home games with Arizona, Utah, either Washington State or Oregon State and the annual battle with crosstown rival UCLA on Nov. 25. Troy will take to the road in 2017 to play at Arizona State, Colorado, California and either Washington State or Oregon State, as well as its traditional intersectional clash with Notre Dame on Oct. 21. Overall, USC's 12-game 2017 schedule features 5 teams that are playing in bowls this season (including 1 in a New Year's Six bowl) and have won at least eight games (including 2 that have 10-plus victories). The Trojans will play nine Pac-12 foes in the 2017 regular season (all but Oregon and Washington).

ROSE BOWL HISTORY

1902–Michigan 49, Stanford 0
1916–Washington State 14, Brown 0
1917–Oregon 14, Pennsylvania 0
1918–Mare Island – USMC 19, Camp Lewis - US Army 7
1919–Great Lakes – US Navy 17, Mare Island 0
1920–Harvard 7, Oregon 6
1921–California 28, Ohio State 0
1922–California 0, Washington & Jefferson 0
1923–USC 14, Penn State 3
1924–Washington 14, Navy 14
1925–Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10
1926–Alabama 20, Washington 19
1927–Stanford 7, Alabama 7
1928–Stanford 7, Pittsburgh 6
1929–Georgia Tech 8, California 7
1930–USC 47, Pittsburgh 14
1931–Alabama 24, Washington State 0
1932–USC 21, Tulane 12
1933–USC 35, Pittsburgh 0
1934–Columbia 7, Stanford 0
1935–Alabama 29, Stanford 13
1936–Stanford 7, SMU 0
1937–Pittsburgh 21, Washington 0
1938–California 13, Alabama 0
1939–USC 7, Duke 3
1940–USC 14, Tennessee 0
1941–Stanford 21, Nebraska 13
1942–Oregon State 20, Duke 16
1943–Georgia 9, UCLA 0
1944–USC 29, Washington 0
1945–USC 25, Tennessee 0
1946–Alabama 34, USC 14
1947–Illinois 45, UCLA 14
1948–Michigan 49, USC 0
1949–Northwestern 20, California 14
1950–Ohio State 17, California 14
1951–Michigan 14, California 6
1952–Illinois 40, Stanford 7
1953–USC 7, Wisconsin 0
1954–Michigan State 28, UCLA 20
1955–Ohio State 20, USC 7
1956–Michigan State 17, UCLA 14
1957–Iowa 35, Oregon State 19
1958–Ohio State 10, Oregon 7
1959–Iowa 38, California 12
1960–Washington 44, Wisconsin 8
1961–Washington 17, Minnesota 7
1962–Minnesota 21, UCLA 3
1963–USC 42, Wisconsin 37
1964–Illinois 17, Washington 7
1965–Michigan 34, Oregon State 7
1966–UCLA 14, Michigan State 12
1967–Purdue 14, USC 13
1968–USC 14, Indiana 3
1969–Ohio State 27, USC 16
1970–USC 10, Michigan 3
1971–Stanford 27, Ohio State 17
1972–Stanford 13, Michigan 12
1973–USC 42, Ohio State 17
1974–Ohio State 42, USC 21
1975–USC 18, Ohio State 17
1976–UCLA 23, Ohio State 10
1977–USC 14, Michigan 6
1978–Washington 27, Michigan 20
1979–USC 17, Michigan 10
1980–USC 17, Ohio State 16
1981–Michigan 23, Washington 6
1982–Washington 28, Iowa 0
1983–UCLA 24, Michigan 14
1984–UCLA 45, Illinois 9
1985–USC 20, Ohio State 17
1986–UCLA 45, Iowa 28
1987–Arizona State 22, Michigan 15
1988–Michigan State 20, USC 17
1989–Michigan 22, USC 14
1990–USC 17, Michigan 10
1991–Washington 46, Iowa 34
1992–Washington 34, Michigan 14
1993–Michigan 38, Washington 31
1994–Wisconsin 21, UCLA 16
1995–Penn State 38, Oregon 20
1996–USC 41, Northwestern 32
1997–Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17
1998–Michigan 21, Washington State 16
1999–Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31
2000–Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9
2001–Washington 34, Purdue 24
2002–Miami 37, Nebraska 14
2003–Oklahoma 34, Washington State 14
2004–USC 28, Michigan 14
2005–Texas 38, Michigan 37
2006–Texas 41, USC 38
2007–USC 32, Michigan 18
2008–USC 49, Illinois 17
2009–USC 38, Penn State 24
2010–Ohio State 26, Oregon 17
2011–TCU 21, Wisconsin 19
2012–Oregon 45, Wisconsin 38
2013–Stanford 20, Wisconsin 14
2014–Michigan State 24, Stanford 20
2015–Oregon 59, Florida State 20
2016–Stanford 45, Iowa 16

USC ROSE BOWL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

MONDAY (DEC. 26)
**No practice, no interviews.
TUESDAY (DEC. 27)
**No practice, no interviews.
**2 p.m. PT--Welcome Press Conference, Disneyland California Adventure, coach Helton and players (Banner, Darnold, Jackson, Smith-Schuster).
WEDNESDAY (DEC. 28)
**9:30 a.m. PT--USC Offensive Press Conference, StubHub Center, offensive coordinator Tee Martin and players (Banner, Darnold, J. Davis, Rogers, Smith-Schuster).
**1 p.m. PT--Practice at USC, 1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. only open to media (per Rose Bowl/CFP protocol), no interviews.
THURSDAY (DEC. 29)
**9:30 a.m. PT--USC Defensive Press Conference, StubHub Center, defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast and players (Hutchings, Jackson, Nwosu, Ca. Smith, Tu'ikolovatu).
**1 p.m. PT--Practice at USC, 1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. only open to media (per Rose Bowl/CFP protocol), no interviews.
**4:30 p.m. PT--USC at Lawry's Beef Bowl.
FRIDAY (DEC. 30)
**9:30 a.m. PT--USC Media Day, L.A. Hotel Downtown (media headquarters), coach Helton, assistants and all players.
**2 p.m. PT--Practice at USC closed to media, no interviews (per Rose Bowl/CFP protocol).
SATURDAY (DEC. 31)
**8:30 a.m. PT--Coach Helton Press Conference, L.A. Hotel Downtown (8 a.m. Penn State Coach Franklin Press Conference; 8:25 a.m. Coaches Helton and Franklin photo opportunity).
**1 p.m. PT--Practice at USC closed to media, no interviews (per Rose Bowl/CFP protocol).
SUNDAY (JAN. 1)
**Noon PT--Rose Bowl Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Rose Bowl (including former Trojan Ricky Ervins).
**1 p.m. PT--USC team photo at Rose Bowl, photo opportunity only, no interviews.
**3 p.m. PT--Practice at USC closed to media, no interviews (per Rose Bowl/CFP protocol).
**5 p.m. PT--Media Party, Arts District Brewing Co. (credentialed media only).
MONDAY (JAN. 2)
**2 p.m. PT--USC vs. Penn State, Rose Bowl, 2 p.m.
TUESDAY (JAN. 3)
**6 p.m. PT--Coach Helton teleconference with beat media.
(All times subject to change.)

USC FOOTBALL STATISTICS OF NOTE

SCORING

***USC's average victory margin in its 9 wins in 2016 is 21.7 points (6 of those wins have been by at least 21 points).
***USC has held a halftime lead in all 9 of its victories in 2016.
***USC has scored at least 35 points in 7 of its 9 victories in 2016.
***USC has scored at least 20 points in 172 of its past 197 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).
***USC has scored at least 30 points in 121 of its last 187 games.
***USC has scored at least 40 points 77 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 26 times with at least 50 points).
***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 317 times.
***USC has scored in its past 232 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 247 games).

OFFENSE

***USC currently is sixth nationally in sacks allowed (0.9, first in Pac-12), eighth in completion percentage (.663, second in Pac-12), 12th in tackles for loss allowed (4.7, second in Pac-12) and 16th in third down conversions (.472, second in Pac-12).
***USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in its past 9 games (including 6 with 500-plus yards).
***Already with 2,487 rushing yards in 2016, USC is 77 yards shy of totaling its most ground yards in a season since 2005 (when it had 3,380).

DEFENSE

***USC is 24th nationally in scoring defense (22.2, fourth in Pac-12).
***Six times in its 8-game win streak in 2016, USC has held the opponent to that team's season low in points (all but UCLA).
***USC has allowed just 50 points in the first quarter in 2016 (and just 50 in the second quarter).
***USC has intercepted a pass in 133 of the last 191 games.
***USC has held 100 of its last 188 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less.
***Only 42 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 178 games (most recently, Notre Dame's Josh Adams with 180 in 2016).
***Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 73-7 when holding opponents to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013 and Washington in 2015).

MISCELLANEOUS

***USC currently is sixth nationally in punt returns (16.5, first in Pac-12), 17th in kickoff returns (24.0, second in Pac-12), 21st in both blocked kicks (3, first in Pac-12) and in blocked punts (1, first in Pac-12) and 23rd in punt return defense (4.6, third in Pac-12).
***USC is the only team to have beaten both teams that played in the 2016 Pac-12 Championship Game, Washington and Colorado.
***USC has won its past 8 games, its longest streak since winning 12 straight in 2008-09.
***USC has won its last 8 home games, its longest streak since 12 in a row in 2007-09.
***USC's 6-0 home mark in 2016 was its first perfect home mark since 2008.
***All 3 of USC's losses in 2016 have been to AP-ranked teams away from home.
***Although USC opened a season facing 3 AP-ranked teams in its first 4 games, as was the case in 2016, on 4 previous occasions (1968, 1989, 1994, 2002), 2016 was the first time that all 3 were away from home and that 2 of the 3 were ranked in the Top 10.
***Although USC once before (1986) faced a pair of AP Top 10 teams in its first 3 games of a season, 2016 was the first time both were away from home.
***USC has kicked 40 touchbacks in 2016 after having only 11 in all of 2015.
***Opponents have returned just 7 of USC's 42 punts in 2016 (for just 32 yards).
***USC has blocked 32 kicks/punts since 2010 (3 in 2016).
***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 490 times, including 356 of the past 358 games (Troy's last 196 games have been televised live, a school record).

RANKINGS

***USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 147 of its past 194 games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 95 of its past 187 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 65 of the last 180 games.

2016 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (9-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Sept. 3	vs. Alabama (@Arlington, Tex.)	L 6-52	Oct. 27 (Th.)	California	W 45-24
Sept. 10	Utah State	W 45-7	Nov. 5	Oregon	W 45-20
Sept. 17	at Stanford	L 10-27	Nov. 12	at Washington	W 26-13
Sept. 23 (Fr.)	at Utah	L 27-31	Nov. 19	at UCLA	W 36-14
Oct. 1	Arizona State	W 41-20	Nov. 26	Notre Dame	W 45-27
Oct. 8	Colorado	W 21-17	Jan. 2 (Mo.)	Penn State (Rose Bowl)	2 p.m. (ESPN)
Oct. 15	at Arizona	W 48-14			

FUN FACT I

Both USC and Penn State posted a 2016 regular season victory over a team that is playing in this year's College Football Playoff semifinals. The Trojans beat Washington in Seattle, 26-13, and the Nittany Lions downed Ohio State at home, 24-21.

FUN FACT II

Once USC meets Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl, the Trojans will have played in the Rose Bowl Game during the term of every U.S. President since 1929 (beginning with Herbert Hoover).

FUN FACT III

Two of the three 2017 Rose Parade Grand Marshals attended USC and are among Troy's most famous Olympians: **Allyson Felix** and **Janet Evans**.

FUN FACT IV

This is the 75th anniversary of the only Rose Bowl not played in Pasadena. Because of the Pearl Harbor attack several weeks earlier, the U.S. government banned large public gatherings on the West Coast for the duration of World War II. So the 1942 Rose Bowl Game was moved to Durham, N.C., where Oregon State defeated host Duke, 20-16.

FUN FACT V

Former USC tailback **Ricky Ervins** is among the newest members of the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame (joining fellow 2016 inductees Bobby Bell, Art Spander and Tommy Prothro). They will be inducted during a Jan. 1 ceremony at the Rose Bowl, then introduced on the field during the 2017 Rose Bowl Game. Ervins ran for 126 yards on 30 tries, including the 14-yard game-winning TD with 1:10 to play, in his 1990 Rose Bowl MVP performance in a 17-10 win over Michigan. He also caught 5 passes for another 44 yards in that game. He appeared in 2 other Rose Bowls, starting as a 1988 sophomore versus Michigan and appearing as a backup versus Michigan State as a 1987 true freshman. Ervins grew up 3 minutes away from the Rose Bowl and attended Muir High in Pasadena. As a prep senior, he spent New Year's Day of 1987 parking cars for 11 hours at the Rose Bowl Game. USC now has 24 members in the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

FUN FACT VI

The Pac-12 has a 49-43-3 record in the Rose Bowl, while the Big Ten is 31-37-0. The Pac-12 holds a 35-31-0 series edge over Big Ten teams in Rose Bowl Games.

USC FOOTBALL RANDOM NOTES

***USC is 198-62-10 (.752) in seasons that the Summer Olympics have been held. The Trojans won 4 national titles (1928, 1932, 1972, 2004) and played in 10 bowls (winning 7) during those Olympic seasons. (Does not include 2 wins--including 1 bowl appearance and 1 bowl win--vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 200-62-10, .754.) Two football lettermen have won Olympic gold medals: Fred Kelly (1914, 15, 16) in the high hurdles in the 1912 Games (he is USC's first gold medalist) and Ken Carpenter (1934, 37) in the discus in the 1936 Games. Although 2-time gold medalist Quincy Watts (400 meters and 1600 meter relay in the 1992 Olympics) never lettered in football, he was a receiver on the 1990 Trojans (he didn't get into a game). Current QB **Sam Darnold's** late grandfather, Dick Hammer, was a member of the USA's 1964 Olympic volleyball team. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, 44 USC-affiliated athletes (the most of any U.S. university) won 21 medals (tied for second most of any American university), including 9 golds (fourth most of any U.S. university), 5 silvers and 7 bronzes. It was the third consecutive Summer Olympics that USC athletes have won at least 20 medals. If USC athletes had competed as a country in 2016, they would have tied for eighth in the gold medal standings at the Rio Games and tied for 11th in overall medals. It was the fifth consecutive Summer Games that USC had at least 40 Olympians. In Rio, those Trojans competed in 9 sports and represented 21 countries. Overall, USC has produced more Olympians, medalists and gold medalists than any U.S. university: 451 Trojan athletes who attended USC before, during or after their Summer or Winter Olympic appearance have competed in the Games since 1904, taking home 144 gold medals (with at least 1 gold in every Summer Olympics from 1912), 92 silver and 71 bronze. If USC competed as a country, its overall total medals would be 14th among all countries (while its gold medals would be 13th). USC Olympians have represented 64 different countries and have participated in 29 different sports in history.

***USC is 215-69-14 (.745) during presidential election years. The Trojans are 126-29-5 (.803) in years when Republicans won the White House and 89-40-9 (.678) when Democrats won. (Does not include 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record: 216-69-14, .746 overall and 127-29-5, .804 with Republicans.) USC has won 4 national championships (1928-32-72-2004) during presidential election years. Since 1929, USC will have played in the Rose Bowl during the term of every U.S. President (beginning with Herbert Hoover).

***In 124 seasons of USC football, the Trojans have lost 4 or more games 40 times (Troy was 8-6 in 2015). Following 8 of those 4-plus loss seasons, USC won the Rose Bowl the next year (1938-43-62-67-72-76-78-84).

***USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys. Interestingly, the Trojan uniform was named the nation's seventh best in college football by USA Today in 2014.

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season.

***USC's future non-conference schedule features Texas in 2017 (home) and 2018 (away)—the Trojans and Longhorns last met in the 2006 BCS Championship Game, one of the most memorable games in college football history—and BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home), plus home games versus Western Michigan (2017), UNLV (2018), Fresno State (2019, 2022, 2025), New Mexico (2020) and Rice (2022). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2023. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, Utah State, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

***AP commemorated in 2016 the 80th anniversary of its weekly college football poll by ranking its all-time Top 25, using a formula based on poll appearances, No. 1 rankings and national championships. USC ranked fifth, behind No. 1 Ohio State, No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 4 Alabama. And in an ESPN list of college football's "Blue Blood" programs (described as "the royalty of the game"), USC tied for first.

***Eight Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: WR **Isaac Whitney** (Central Oklahoma), ILB **Joel Foy** (Air Force), CB **Yoofi Quansah** (UC San Diego), WR **Jackson Boyer** (North Carolina), TE **Taylor McNamara** (Oklahoma), TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (Florida), DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** (Utah) and S **Deion Hart** (Sam Houston State).

***Ten Trojans played at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.): CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, ILB **Olajuwon Tucker**, WR **Jalen Greene**, CB **Jalen Jones**, DT **Rasheem Green**, ILB **John Houston Jr.**, WR **Deontay Burnett**, DE **Oluwole Betiku Jr.**, S **C.J. Pollard** and ILB **Christian Herrera**.

***USC ranks No. 15 nationally in the inaugural 2016 Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education survey of more than 1,000 U.S. colleges and universities, its highest placement to date in major higher education rankings. Among the Power 5 schools, only Stanford, Duke and Northwestern rank higher than USC. In the Pac-12, only USC and Stanford rank in the Top 25 nationally, with UCLA placing 26th and California at 37. Among the 150 universities surveyed in the western U.S., USC ranks third. The new ranking uses a set of comprehensive metrics to determine whether a college offers students sufficient resources to succeed, whether students feel challenged and engaged, whether the student body is diverse and international and whether graduates succeed by paying off their loans and are able to find satisfying, high paying jobs.

***Four Trojans already earned their bachelor's degrees and are working on master's degrees. QB **Max Browne** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in the fall of 2015 and is now working towards a master's degree in business administration at USC, where he has a B+ average (3.48 GPA). WR **Steven Mitchell Jr.** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in the spring of 2016 and is now working towards a master's degree in communication management. TE **Taylor McNamara** received his bachelor's degree in economics and communications from Oklahoma in the spring of 2015 (thus allowing him to be eligible to play immediately at USC in 2015 without having to sit out after transferring) and is now working towards a master's degree in communication management at USC. DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Utah in 2016 (making him eligible to play at USC in 2016) and is working on another bachelor's degree in gerontolgy. Three other Trojans also have received their bachelor's degrees and now are pursuing a second bachelor's degree: OTs **Zach Banner** and **Chad Wheeler** and S **Leon McQuay III** (Banner and McQuay in sociology and Wheeler to be determined).

***USC currently has 19 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. OT **Chad Wheeler** enrolled in the spring of 2012. DT **Kenny Bigelow Jr.**, QB **Max Browne**, TB **Justin Davis**, S **Chris Hawkins** and S **Leon McQuay III** all enrolled in the spring of 2013. OG-OT **Jordan Austin**, WR **Jalen Greene** and C **Toa Lobendahn** all enrolled in the spring of 2014. OT **Chuma Edoga**, OG-OT **Roy Hemsley** and ILB **Cameron Smith** all enrolled in the spring of 2015. DE **Oluwole Betiku Jr.**, QB **Matt Fink**, WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe**, DT **Liam Jimmons**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, S **C.J. Pollard** and OT **Nathan Smith** all enrolled in the spring of 2016. Since 1999, 43 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early). Also, TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at Florida before transferring to USC.

***SNP **Jake Olson** has been an inspiration to and involved with the USC football program since the age of 12 in 2009 when he lost his eyesight to cancer. Olson was born with retinoblastoma, a cancer of the retina. He lost his left eye when he was 10 months old and, despite numerous procedures on his other eye, he had his right eye removed when he was 12 in 2009 (he spent the day before his 2009 surgery at a USC football practice). His story was chronicled nationally, including several ESPN stories. After long snapping in high school as a junior and senior in 2013 and 2014 (he also played golf in high school and usually shot in the 80s), he received a scholarship in 2015 to attend USC from Swim With Mike's Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund (because that scholarship is regarded as athletic aid, USC sought and received a waiver from the NCAA so that he did not count against the Trojans' NCAA-mandated 85 scholarship roster limit). Now a walk-on redshirt freshman, USC will prevent contact during any practice drills in which he is involved to make sure he is protected and the hope is he will snap in a game some day. He is guided onto the field and positioned over the ball by a teammate. He is a motivational speaker and has co-authored 2 books about overcoming adversity. His guide dog's name is Quebec. The Swim With Mike swim-a-thon fundraiser, celebrating its 35th anniversary, has raised more than $18 million for 200-plus physically challenged athletes' scholarships at nearly 100 universities for students who have overcome life-challenging accidents or illnesses. Olson won the 2016 Rare Disease Champion Award and was a nominee for the 2015 Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award.

***Defensive line coach **Kenechi Udeze** was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (a blood cancer) in 2008 while playing for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and he was placed on injured reserve that season. He received chemotherapy treatments and had a bone marrow transplant from his brother. He was the Vikings' recipient of the 2008 NFL Ed Block Courage Award, as voted by his teammates. After attempting to return to the playing field in 2009 but struggling with peripheral neuropathy in his feet as a result of chemotherapy, Udeze retired from the NFL that summer. His leukemia is in remission. He has been involved with charities that raise money for cancer research.

***CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** is one of the nation's premier long jumpers. He placed 10th at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials with a leap of 25-8.25 (he had a 25-10.75 jump in the prelims). His career best long jump mark is 25-11.50 to place fifth at the 2015 NCAA Meet, becoming the first USC football letterman to earn track All-America honors in an individual event since Sultan McCullough in 2000 (100-meter dash) and in a field event since long jumper Luther Hayes in 1961. He repeated his fifth place long jump showing at the 2016 NCAA Meet. He also was the 2015 and 2016 Pac-12 long jump champ (both times going 25-3.50) and he won the event at the UCLA dual meet both years. In high school, he was the 2012 state long jump champ and then the runner-up in 2013. Jackson also is a top-class sprinter, with lifetime bests of 10.38 (10.35 wind-aided) in the 100 and 21.08 in the 200.

***Who's the fastest among the 2016 Trojans? CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** has lifetime bests of 10.38 (10.35 wind-aided) in the 100 and 21.08 in the 200. TB **Ronald Jones II**, who sprinted briefly with the 2016 Trojan tracksters, had high school bests of 10.37 in the 100 meters and 21.88 in the 200 meters. TB **Dominic Davis** has posted lifetime bests of 10.47 in the 100 meters (10.39 wind-aided) and 21.48 (21.27 wind-aided) in the 200 meters. He set a USC freshman indoor record in the 60 meters (6.78) at the 2016 MPSF Championships. He was fourth in the 100 (10.51) at the 2014 California high school state meet as a junior and third in the event as a 2015 senior (10.56). Jackson, Jones, Davis and WR **Isaac Whitney** all have sprinted for USC's track team.

***OT **Zach Banner** was on the 2013 USC men's basketball team, but did not see any action.

***PK-HLD **Wyatt Schmidt** was on a Minnesota state champion ice hockey team in high school, then played junior ice hockey in South Dakota in 2013 before coming to USC.

***P **Chris Tilbey**, a Melbourne native who played Australian Rules Football (as well as cricket) will be the only Trojan football letterman ever from Australia. Former Trojan Riki (Gray) Ellison (1978-82) was born in New Zealand, but claimed Tucson, Ariz., as his home.

***DE **Oluwole Betiku Jr.** was born in Lagos, Nigeria, where he participated in soccer and boxing. He moved to the United States when he was a sophomore in high school.

***DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** is USC's oldest player (25, born June 28, 1991), thanks to spending 3 seasons on a Mormon mission in the Philippines while at Utah. He is nearly 2 years older than USC's next oldest player (WR **Darreus Rogers**, born on Sept. 3, 1993) and nearly 7 years older than USC's youngest player (ILB **Jordan Iosefa**, born on Sept. 20, 1998).

***OG **Jordan Simmons** had his artwork displayed at the 2014 "Artletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes.

***Several Trojans are musically inclined. S **Leon McQuay III**, a music industry major at USC, has produced his own music tracks. OG **Chris Brown** is an accomplished guitarist, specializing in the blues (he also plays several other instruments). DT **Josh Fatu** plays the ukelele.

***CB **Kevin Carrasco** is fluent in Spanish and speaks some Korean.

***A YouTube video of SNP **Zach Smith's** long snapping trick shots has more than 610,000 views.

***ILB **Cameron Smith** played youth football against eighth graders when he was in fourth grade.

***USC has 4 players with the surname of Smith (ILB **Cameron Smith**, C **Cole Smith**, OT **Nathan Smith** and SNP **Zach Smith**, and that doesn't include WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, who previously was just JuJu Smith) and 4 named Jones (CB **Jack Jones**, CB **Jalen Jones**, TB **Ronald Jones II** and WR **Velus Jones Jr.**), but none are related.

***USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (DT **Kenny Bigelow Jr.**, WR **Steven Mitchell Jr.**, ILB **John Houston Jr.**, DE **Oluwole Betiku Jr.**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, WR **Velus Jones Jr.**, P **James Bermingham Jr.**), a II (TB **Ronald Jones II**, OG-OT **Frank Martin II**), a III (S **Leon McQuay III**, S **Marvell Tell III**) and a IV (TB **James Toland IV**).

***USC's roster palette has OG **Chris Brown**, PK **Michael Brown** and QB **Max Browne**, as well as DE **Rasheem Green** and WR **Jalen Greene**.

***No USC football letterman in history has a longer non-hyphenated single word surname than the 12-letter last name of TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** and WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe**. Two former lettermen also have 12-letter surnames: TE Dean Lingenfelter (1973) and P Mike MacGillivray (1998-2001). Also on the 2016 Trojan roster are a pair of 11-letter surnamed players (PK **Matt Boermeester** and DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu**), as well as the 13-letter hyphenated surnamed WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on the back of its jerseys.

***TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** and WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe** are USC's only player brothers. Head coach **Clay Helton** and quarterback coach/pass game coordinator **Tyson Helton** are brothers.

***WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster's** and TE **Tyler Petite's** real first names are John, S **C.J. Pollard's** is Christopher, ILB **Jordan Iosefa's** is Loveni and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. ILB **Olajuwon Tucker's** nickname is "Boodah," CB **Iman Marshall's** is "Biggie" and CB **Keyshawn Young's** is "Pie." In the summer of 2015, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** legally changed his last name (from just Smith) in honor of his stepfather. Defensive line coach **Kenechi Udeze's** first name means "God's love will always be with me" in Nigerian; his nickname as a USC player was "BKU," which stood for Big Kenechi Udeze (he enrolled at USC weighing 375 pounds, but left at 275).

***How's this for a colorful player: PK **Matt Boermeester** "greyshirted" in 2012 (he did not enroll as a full-time college student) coming out of high school. He then was awarded a scholarship at USC in the fall of 2014 by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year). Boermeester then "redshirted" at USC in 2014. USC currently has 7 other players who received scholarships as blueshirts: TE **Taylor McNamara**, TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, OT **Clayton Johnston**, WR **Deontay Burnett** and P **Chris Tilbey** all arrived in the fall of 2015, while DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** and PK **Michael Brown** both joined in the fall of 2016.

***USC took control of the management of the Coliseum in the summer of 2013, becoming responsible for the operation, maintenance and upgrading of the facility. USC is required to spend $70 million over a 10-year period for enhancements and improvements to the Coliseum's infrastructure ($100 million by 2054). In October of 2015, USC announced preliminary plans to renovate and restore the Coliseum, including building a new structure on the stadium's south side (with suites, loge boxes, club seats, a new concourse and new press box), replacing every seat with wider ones, increasing leg room, adding aisles, restoring the iconic peristyle, upgrading Wi-Fi, improving audio and video with two new large screens, adding concession stands and installing new lighting. Work is scheduled to begin after the 2017 USC season and be completed for the 2019 home opener. The renovation will be privately funded by USC and will preserve the Coliseum's historic nature. Improvements will reduce seating capacity to approximately 77,500 (from the current 93,607. USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923. For more information, go to www.ColiseumRenovation.com .

***Several Trojan staffers have played on national championship teams. Assistant coach **Tee Martin** quarterbacked Tennessee to the 1998 national championship. Assistant coach **Kenechi Udeze** was an All-American defensive end on USC's 2003 national championship team. Assistant coach **Ronnie Bradford** played on Colorado's 1990 national championship team. Assistant coach **Tommie Robinson** played on Troy State's 1984 NCAA Division II national title squad. Football executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

DEPTH CHART
OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
WR	1	Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, Sr.)	@DROG_UNO • @drog_1	Communication
	6	Michael Pittman Jr. (6-4, 210, Fr.) **OR**	@Mikepitt32 • @michael_pittman_jr	
	15	Isaac Whitney (6-3, 220, Sr.*)	@isaacwhitney8 • @isaacwhitney15	Sociology
	85	Jackson Boyer (6-3, 185, Jr.*)	– • @jackson_boyer	Economics
WR	80	Deontay Burnett (6-0, 170, So.)	@Deontay_Burnett • @tay.80	Communication
	10	Jalen Greene (6-1, 200, So.*)	– • –	Communication
	81	Trevon Sidney (5-11, 170, Fr.) **OR**	@TrevonSidney • @t.sid2	Communication
	23	Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 185, Fr.)	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Psychology
	41	Milo Stewart (5-9, 170, Jr.*)	– • @miloclark41	Human Biology
	7	#Steven Mitchell Jr. (5-10, 190, Jr.*)	@smj_vii • @smj.vii	Communication Mgmt. • Master's
TE	48	Taylor McNamara (6-5, 245, Sr.*)	@tmcnamara88 • @tmcnamara88	Communication Mgmt. • Master's
	82	Tyler Petite (6-5, 235, So.) **OR**	@TylerPetite • @tylerpetite	Communication
	88	Daniel Imatorbhebhe (6-4, 240, Fr.*)	@_bhex2 • @1bhebhe5	
	86	Cary Angeline (6-6, 230, Fr.)	@CaryAngeline • @caryangeline	Business Administration
	87	Alec Hursh (6-3, 210, So.*)	– • –	Biomedical Engineering
RT	73	Zach Banner (6-9, 360, Sr.*)	@zachbanner73 • @zachbanner73	Sociolgy
	70	Chuma Edoga (6-4, 290, So.)	@edogawd • –	
	78	#Nathan Smith (6-6, 275, Fr.)	@Nathan7099 • @nathansmith70	Business Administration
RG	60	Viane Talamaivao (6-2, 315, Jr.)	– • –	Political Science
	68	Jordan Simmons (6-4, 325, Sr.*)	@PaPaChubbs74 • @ifeellikechubbs	African American Studies
	56	Jordan Austin (6-5, 300, So.*)	@jaustin0056 • @jaustin56	International Relations
	65	Frank Martin II (6-5, 310, Fr.)	@IAMFMII • @iamfmii	Communication
C	74	Nico Falah (6-4, 280, Jr.*)	@NicoFalah • @nicofalah	Non-Governmental Organizations
	62	Khaliel Rodgers (6-3, 315, Jr.*) **OR**	@K_rodgers62 • @k_rodgers62	Sociology
	66	Cole Smith (6-4, 280, Fr.*)	@coledsmith56 • @coledsmith66	
	50	#Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 295, Jr.)	@T_Lo55 • @godswarriorr	Policy, Planning and Development
LG	51	Damien Mama (6-4, 325, Jr.)	@dmama75 • @dmama51	Sociology
	77	Chris Brown (6-5, 300, So.*)	@ChrisBrown77 • @chrisryanbrown77	Real Estate Development
	63	Roy Hemsley (6-5, 310, Fr.*)	@leagueme_roy • @bigsmooth_63	Psychology
LT	72	Chad Wheeler (6-6, 310, Sr.*)	@chadwheelerusc • –	Sociology
	70	Chuma Edoga (6-4, 290, So.)	@edogawd • –	
	76	Clayton Johnston (6-6, 285, Fr.*)	@KingClayton76 • @kingclayton76	Communication
WR	9	JuJu Smith-Schuster (6-2, 220, Jr.)	@team_juju9 • @team_juju9	Psychology
	13	De'Quan Hampton (6-4, 225, Sr.)	@DeQuanHampton • @_megaquan	Sociology
	17	Josh Imatorbhebhe (6-2, 210, Fr.) **OR**	@Ball4Him_24 • @josh_imatorbhebhe	Business Administration
	21	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 180, Fr.)	@tswag03 • @tamarv_21	Communication
	44	Jake Russell (5-11, 170, Fr.*)	@jakeruss5 • @jake__russ	Business Administration
QB	14	Sam Darnold (6-4, 225, Fr.*)	– • @samdarnold	Communication
	10	Jalen Greene (6-1, 200, So.*) **OR**	– • –	Communication
	19	Matt Fink (6-3, 195, Fr.)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink12	Communication
	4	#Max Browne (6-5, 220, Jr.*)	@MaxBrowne4 • @maxbrowne_4	Business Administration • Master's
	15	Thomas Fitts (6-2, 195, Fr.*)	@thomasfitts12 • @thomasfitts	Business Administration
	16	Holden Thomas (6-5, 195, Fr.)	@holdenthomas12 • @holdenthomass	Business Administration
FB	47	Reuben Peters (6-0, 225, So.*)	– • @reubenrpeters	Real Estate Development
	38	Chris Edmondson (5-11, 210, Fr.)	@C_Edmondson7 • @chrisedmondson	Economics
TB	25	Ronald Jones II (6-1, 195, So.)	@RonaldJones25 • @rojo25live	Communication
	22	Justin Davis (6-1, 200, Sr.)	@JD_22bsm • @jdsolid_22	Social Sciences (Economics)
	28	Aca'Cedric Ware (6-0, 195, So.)	@ware_ced • @acacedric.ware	
	16	Dominic Davis (5-10, 180, So.)	@dominicadjr • @domo_fast	Communication
	26	James Toland IV (5-11, 195, Jr.*)	@Toland25 • @jtoland26	Social Sciences Psychology
	29	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 190, Fr.)	@vavaeee • @vavaeee	Communication

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DEPTH CHART
DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
OLB	42	Uchenna Nwosu (6-3, 235, Jr.)	@UchennaN_42 • @nwosu42	
	34	Olajuwon Tucker (6-3, 230, Jr.)	@BThree4 • @bthree4	Int. Relations (Global Business)
DE	94	Rasheem Green (6-5, 280, So.)	@ras_green • @ras_green	
	89	Christian Rector (6-5, 275, Fr.*)	@the_real_rector • @christian_rector	Economics
	53	Kevin Scott (6-5, 300, Fr.*)	@53_kev • @kfs.53	Communication
NT	96	Stevie Tu'ikolovatu (6-1, 320, Sr.*)	@steviet_90 • @steviet_90	Gerontology
	92	Jacob Daniel (6-4, 310, So.)	– • @jdanxpapi	Psychology
	79	#Connor Rossow (6-2, 305, Fr.)	@connorrw52 • @connorrw	Health and Human Sciences
DT	44	Malik Dorton (6-2, 280, So.*)	@theeEliteMalik • –	Communication
	98	Josh Fatu (6-3, 290, Jr.)	– • @jayfatu_	Sociology
	93	Liam Jimmons (6-5, 280, Fr.)	@LJblack98 • @liam_usc93	
	95	#Kenny Bigelow Jr. (6-3, 295, Jr.*)	@_mcmxcv__ • @kennybigelow95_	Sociology
OLB	45	Porter Gustin (6-5, 260, So.)	@portgus45 • @portgus15	
	90	Connor Murphy (6-7, 255, Fr.) **OR**	@CMurph_90 • @cmurphy_90	Communication
	99	Oluwole Betiku Jr. (6-3, 250, Fr.)	@oluwolebetiku • @kingwolehoudini	
	49	Matt Bayle (6-2, 215, Fr.*)	matthewbayle13 • realmattbayle	Communication
ILB	35	Cameron Smith (6-2, 245, So.)	@CamSc35 • @camusc35	Communication
	34	Olajuwon Tucker (6-3, 230, Jr.) **OR**	@BThree4 • @bthree4	Int. Relations (Global Business)
	56	Jordan Iosefa (6-2, 215, Fr.)	@ Jordanlosefa • @iosefa_4	
	50	Grant Moore (6-0, 210, So.*)	– • @grantmoore_50	Real Estate Development
	51	Joel Foy (6-1, 220, Jr.*)	@joelfoy51 • @joelfoy11	Communication
ILB	19	Michael Hutchings (6-1, 215, Sr.)	@CaliHutch_17 • @calihutch	Communication
	18	Quinton Powell (6-2, 200, Sr.)	@coolboyq_52 • @empire_18	Sociology
	10	John Houston Jr. (6-3, 220, Fr.*)	@Official_John10 • @johnhouston10	
	52	Christian Herrera (6-1, 210, Jr.*)	– • –	Psychology
CB	8	Iman Marshall (6-1, 200, So.)	@iman_marshall8 • @imanmarshall	
	27	Ajene Harris (5-11, 190, So.*)	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	Communication
	1	Jack Jones (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@presidentjacc • @unojacc	
	38	Jalen Jones (5-8, 165, So.*)	– • –	Real Estate Development
	29	Kevin Carrasco (6-0, 180, Jr.*)	@KCarrasco29 • @kcarrasco29	Political Science
SS	22	Leon McQuay III (6-1, 195, Sr.) **OR**	@lmcquay22 • @lmquay22	Music Industry
	4	Chris Hawkins (5-11, 185, Jr.*)	@CHawk_4 • @chawk_4	Policy, Planning and Development
	28	C.J. Pollard (6-1, 185, Fr.)	@CJPollard1 • @cjpollard_	Communication
	26	Davonte Nunnery (5-10, 200, So.*)	@USC_26 • –	Sociology
	31	Richard Hagestad (6-1, 205, Fr.)	– • –	
FS	7	Marvell Tell III (6-3, 190, So.)	– • –	
	4	Chris Hawkins (5-11, 185, Jr.*)	@CHawk_4 • @chawk_4	Policy, Planning and Development
	37	Matt Lopes (5-11, 195, Jr.*)	– • @lopeseyy	Business Administration
	30	Ykili Ross (6-0, 200, Fr.*)	@TheRealYK_7 • @bilix30	
	24	John Plattenberg (5-11, 180, Jr.)	@Prczn_Paq • @prczn_paq	International Relations
	21	Jamel Cook (6-3, 185, Fr.)	@JamelCook3 • @noflyzonejamel	
	41	Deion Hart (5-9, 180, Sr.*)	@deionhart20 • @dhart20	Communication
CB	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Jr.)	@AdoreeKnows • @adoreeknows	Communiation
	14	Isaiah Langley (6-0, 170, So.)	@_IsaiahLangley • @_isaiahlangley	Economics
	17	Keyshawn "Pie" Young (5-11, 175, Fr.)	@youngpie_1 • @miami_pie	Communication
	34	Yoofi Quansah (5-8, 170, Jr.*)	@stemyoof • @yoofster1	Computer Science
	23	#Jonathan Lockett (5-11, 180, Jr.)	@Jlock_23 • @jlock23_	Non-Governmental Organizations

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SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
P	36	Chris Tilbey (6-5, 205, So.*)	@Chris36Tilbey • @christilbey	Economics
	46	Reid Budrovich (5-11, 185, So.*)	@Reid_Bud • @reidbud	Business Administration
	47	James Bermingham Jr. (6-4, 185, So.*)	– • –	
PK	39	Matt Boermeester (6-0, 180, Jr.*)	@MattBoermeester • @matt_boermeester	Communication
	49	Michael Brown (6-2, 195, Fr.) **OR**	@michaelbrown15 • @brownieboi15	
	46	Reid Budrovich (5-11, 185, So.*)	@Reid_Bud • @reidbud	Business Administration
SNP	92	Zach Smith (6-1, 220, Sr.)	@zachsnaps3 • @zacharie_smith	Policy, Planning and Development
	46	Wyatt Schmidt (6-3, 210, So.*)	@yitschmidt • @yitschmidt	Real Estate Development
	61	Jake Olson (6-4, 210, Fr.*)	@jakethesnakeo • @jakethesnakeolson	Business Administration
HLD	46	Wyatt Schmidt (6-3, 210, So.*)	@yitschmidt • @yitschmidt	Real Estate Development
	14	Sam Darnold (6-4, 225, Fr.*)	– • @samdarnold	Communication
	46	Reid Budrovich (5-11, 185, So.*)	@Reid_Bud • @reidbud	Business Administration

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KOR	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Jr.) **AND**	@AdoreeKnows • @adoreeknows	Communication
	27	Ajene Harris (5-11, 190, So.*) **OR**	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	Communication
	1/83	Jack Jones (5-11, 170, Fr.) **OR**	@presidentjacc • @unojacc	
	80	Deontay Burnett (6-0, 170, So.)	@Deontay_Burnett • @tay.80	Communication
	22	Justin Davis (6-1, 200, Sr.)	@JD_22bsm • @jdsolid_22	Social Sciences (Economics)
PR	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Jr.)	@AdoreeKnows • @adoreeknows	Communication
	80	Deontay Burnett (6-0, 170, So.)	@Deontay_Burnett • @tay.80	Communication
	1	Jack Jones (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@presidentjacc • @unojacc	

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86 Cary ANGELINE	ANN-juh-line
49 Matt BAYLE	BAIL
47 James BERMINGHAM Jr.	BUR-ming-ham
99 Oluwole BETIKU Jr.	OE-loo-WOE-lee buh-TEE-koo
95 Kenny BIGELOW Jr.	BIG-uh-loe
39 Matt BOERMEESTER	BORE-my-stir
85 Jackson BOYER	BOY-ur
46 Reid BUDROVICH	BUD-roe-vitch
80 Deontay BURNETT	dee-ON-tay bur-NET
29 Kevin CARRASCO	cuh-RASK-oe
21 Jamel COOK	juh-MEL
14 Sam DARNOLD	DAR-nuld
16 Dominic DAVIS	DOM-in-ick
44 Malik DORTON	muh-LEEK DOOR-tun
38 Chris EDMONDSON	ED-mun-sun
70 Chuma EDOGA	CHOO-muh uh-DOE-guh
74 Nico FALAH	NEE-coe FAA-laa
98 Josh FATU	FAH-too
94 Rasheem GREEN	ruh-SHEEM
10 Jalen GREENE	JAY-lin
45 Porter GUSTIN	GUS-tin
31 Richard HAGESTAD	HAG-uh-stad
13 De'Quan HAMPTON	duh-KWAN
27 Ajene HARRIS	uh-JAY-nay
41 Deion HART	DEE-on
63 Roy HEMSLEY	HEMS-lee
52 Christian HERRERA	huh-RARE-uh
87 Alec HURSCH	AL-eck HERSH
88 Daniel IMATORBHEBHE	ee-MAT-tor-bay-bay
17 Josh IMATORBHEBHE	ee-MAT-tor-bay-bay
56 Jordan IOSEFA	ee-oe-SEF-uh
2 Adoree' JACKSON	uh-DOOR-ee
93 Liam JIMMONS	LEE-um JIM-uns
38 Jalen JONES	JAY-lin
23 Velus JONES Jr.	VAY-lus
14 Isaiah LANGLEY	eye-ZAY-uh LANG-lee
50 Toa LOEBENDAHN	TOE-uh low-ben-DON
37 Matt LOPES	LOEPS (as in Copes)
29 Vavae MALEPEAI	vah-VYE mah-lay-PAY-eye
51 Damien MAMA	DAY-mee-un MA-muh
8 Iman MARSHALL	EE-mon
22 Leon McQUAY III	muh-KWAY
26 Davonte NUNNERY	duh-VON-tay NONE-ur-ee
42 Uchenna NWOSU	oo-CHEN-uh noo-WOE-sue
47 Reuben PETERS	RUE-bin
82 Tyler PETITE	puh-TEET
24 John PLATTENBURG	PLAT-un-berg
28 C.J. POLLARD	PAUL-urd
18 Quinton POWELL	KWIN-tun
34 Yoofi QUANSEH	YO-fee KWAN-suh
89 Christian RECTOR	RECK-tur
62 Khaliel RODGERS	kuh-LEEL
1 Darreus ROGERS	DARE-ee-us
30 Ykili ROSS	eye-KEE-lee
79 Connor ROSSOW	ROSS-oe
46 Wyatt SCHMIDT	WHY-ut SHMIT
81 Trevon SIDNEY	TRAY-von SID-nee
9 JuJu SMITH-SCHUSTER	JUE-JUE SMITH-SHUE-stur
41 Milo STEWART	MY-low
60 Viane TALAMAIVAO	vee-ON-ee tal-uh-MY-vow
7 Marvell TELL III	mar-VELL
36 Chris TILBEY	TILL-bee
26 James TOLAND IV	TOE-lund
34 Olajuwon TUCKER	uh-LAW-juh-wawn
96 Stevie TU'IKOLOVATU	TOO-ee-koe-loe-VAH-too
21 Tyler VAUGHNS	VONS
28 Aca'Cedric WARE	awk-uh-SAID-rick
15 Isaac WHITNEY	EYE-zek WHIT-nee
17 Keyshawn YOUNG	KEY-shon

COACHES/STAFF

Brett ARCE	ARE-see
Neil CALLAWAY	CAL-uh-way
Prentice GILL	PREN-tis
Clay/Tyson HELTON	HELL-tun
Ivan LEWIS	EYE-vun
Johnny NANSEN	NAN-sun
Clancy PENDERGAST	PEN-dur-gassed
Kenechi UDEZE	kun-EE-chee oo-DEZ-zay

2016 USC FOOTBALL ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown(High School/JC/College)
86	ANGELINE, Cary	TE	6-6	230	9/8/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Chester Springs, PA (Dowington East)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OG-OT	6-5	300	5/4/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Claremont (Claremont)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	360	12/25/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
49	BAYLE, Matt	DE	6-2	215	2/27/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Marino (St. Francis)
47	BERMINGHAM JR., James	P	6-4	185	6/12/96	So.*/Jr.	--	Laguna Beach (Dana Hills)
99	BETIKU JR., Oluwole	DE	6-3	250	6/22/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)
95	BIGELOW JR., Kenny	DT	6-3	295	3/31/95	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
39	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	180	4/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/Saddleback JC)
85	BOYER, Jackson	WR	6-3	185	6/22/94	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Chapel Hill, NC (East Chapel Hill/North Carolina)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	300	4/26/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (Loyola)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-2	195	12/23/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Temecula (Linfield Christian)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
80	BURNETT, Deontay	WR	6-0	170	10/4/97	So./So.	1V	Compton (Serra)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	DB	6-0	180	11/11/94	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
21	COOK, Jamel	DB	6-3	185	12/11/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Miami, FL (Miami Central)
92	DANIEL, Jacob	DT	6-4	310	4/7/97	So./So.	1V	Fresno (Clovis North)
14	DARNOLD, Sam	QB	6-4	225	6/5/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Capistrano Beach (San Clemente)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB	5-10	180	12/8/96	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	200	11/11/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Stockton (Lincoln)
44	DORTON, Malik	DT	6-2	280	5/23/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	FB	5-11	210	3/5/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	290	5/25/97	So./So.	1V	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
74	FALAH, Nico	C-OT	6-4	280	1/6/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
98	FATU, Josh	DT	6-3	290	3/8/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Long Beach (Lakewood/Long Beach CC)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	195	12/13/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Rancho Cucamonga (Glendora)
15	FITTS, Thomas	QB	6-2	195	9/24/96	Fr.*/So.	--	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-1	220	6/13/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
94	GREEN, Rasheem	DT	6-5	280	5/15/97	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Serra)
10	GREENE, Jalen	WR	6-1	200	6/13/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Serra)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	DE	6-5	260	2/8/97	So./So.	1V	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	DB	6-1	205	3/21/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Del Mar (Bishop's School)
13	HAMPTON, De'Quan	WR	6-4	225	4/18/94	Sr./Sr.	1V	Carson (Dominguez /Long Beach CC)
27	HARRIS, Ajene	DB-WR	5-11	190	6/1/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
41	HART, Deion	DB	5-9	180	5/14/94	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Hacienda Heights (Troy/Fullerton JC/ Santa Ana JC/Sam Houston State)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	DB	5-11	185	3/11/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
63	HEMSLEY, Roy	OG-OT	6-5	310	3/4/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Windward School)
52	HERRERA, Christian	ILB	6-1	210	7/15/94	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Manhattan Beach (Serra/Harbor JC/ El Camino JC)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carson (Serra)
87	HURSH, Alec	TE	6-3	210	4/26/96	So.*/Jr.	--	Kansas City, KS (Pembroke Hill)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	215	3/27/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Antioch (De La Salle)
88	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-4	240	12/9/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/Florida)
17	IMATORBHEBHE, Josh	WR	6-2	210	4/12/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	215	9/20/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Waipahu, HI (St. Louis)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	DB-WR-RET	5-11	185	9/18/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Belleville, IL (Serra)
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DT	6-5	280	1/6/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
76	JOHNSTON, Clayton	OT	6-6	285	10/7/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Orange (Servite)
1	JONES, Jack	DB	5-11	170	12/20/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
38	JONES, Jalen	DB	5-8	165	2/10/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Serra)
25	JONES II, Ronald	TB	6-1	195	8/3/97	So./So.	1V	McKinney, TX (McKinney North)
23	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	185	5/11/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
14	LANGLEY, Isaiah	DB	6-0	170	10/13/96	So./So.	1V	Hayward (Foothill)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C	6-3	295	2/14/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Cerritos (La Habra)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	DB	5-11	180	4/18/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
37	LOPES, Matt	DB	5-11	195	5/12/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	190	1/21/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-4	325	6/27/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moreno Valley (St. John Bosco)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	DB	6-1	200	2/27/97	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG-OT	6-5	310	9/5/97	Fr./Fr.	--	West Covina (Mater Dei)

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48	McNAMARA, Taylor	TE	6-5	245	8/12/94	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (Westview/Oklahoma)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	DB	6-1	195	11/21/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
7	MITCHELL JR., Steven	WR	5-10	190	5/2/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
50	MOORE, Grant	ILB	6-0	210	2/8/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DE	6-7	255	10/29/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	DB	5-10	200	10/12/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	ILB	6-3	235	12/28/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Carson (Narbonne)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-4	210	3/26/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
47	PETERS, Reuben	FB	6-0	225	10/25/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Westchester (Loyola)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-5	235	12/14/96	So./So.	1V	Lafayette (Campolindo)
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	210	10/5/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Woodland Hills (Oaks Christian)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	DB	5-11	180	1/10/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (Lamar)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	DB	6-1	185	10/31/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson (Serra)
18	POWELL, Quinton	ILB	6-2	200	10/25/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
34	QUANSAH, Yoofi	DB	5-8	170	10/13/95	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Chino Hills (Chino Hills/UC San Diego)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DE	6-5	275	4/22/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	South Pasadena (Loyola)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	C-DT	6-3	315	1/12/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Compton (Carson)
30	ROSS, Ykili	DB	6-0	200	9/17/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
79	ROSSOW, Connor	DT	6-2	305	4/23/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Tustin (Mater Dei)
44	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	170	12/18/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK-HLD	6-3	210	12/25/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
53	SCOTT, Kevin	DT	6-5	300	9/24/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Duarte (Salesian)
81	SIDNEY, Trevon	WR	5-11	170	10/24/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Covina (Bishop Amat)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	OG	6-4	325	7/15/94	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Inglewood (Crespi)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	245	3/26/97	So./So.	1V	Roseville (Granite Bay)
66	SMITH, Cole	C	6-4	280	8/19/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
78	SMITH, Nathan	OT	6-6	275	4/17/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Murrieta (Murrieta Mesa)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	220	6/3/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
9	SMITH-SCHUSTER, JuJu	WR	6-2	220	11/22/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach (Poly)
41	STEWART, Milo	WR	5-9	170	10/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Palm Desert (Marywood-Palm Valley)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane	OG	6-2	315	12/13/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
7	TELL III, Marvell	DB	6-3	190	8/2/96	So./So.	1V	Pasadena (Crespi)
16	THOMAS, Holden	QB	6-5	195	6/20/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Pacific Palisades (Brentwood)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	205	12/31/93	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Melbourne, Australia(Sandringham/ San Francisco CC)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	195	12/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Indio (Shadow Hills)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	230	7/30/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Harbor City (Serra)
96	TU'IKOLOVATU, Stevie	DT	6-1	320	6/28/91	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Salt Lake City, UT (East/Utah)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	180	6/1/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Covina (Bishop Amat)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	195	6/29/97	So./So.	1V	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-6	310	1/19/94	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
15	WHITNEY, Isaac	WR	6-3	220	6/22/94	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Oklahoma City, OK (Southmoore/ Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)
17	YOUNG, Keyshawn "Pie"	DB	5-11	175	12/29/96	Fr./Fr.	--	Miami, FL (Miami Senior)

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2016 USC FOOTBALL ROSTER - NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown(High School/JC/College)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Compton (Carson)
1	JONES, Jack	DB	5-11	170	12/20/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	DB-WR-RET	5-11	185	9/18/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Belleville, IL (Serra)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	DB	5-11	185	3/11/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	210	10/5/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Woodland Hills (Oaks Christian)
7	MITCHELL JR., Steven	WR	5-10	190	5/2/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
7	TELL III, Marvell	DB	6-3	190	8/2/96	So./So.	1V	Pasadena (Crespi)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	DB	6-1	200	2/27/97	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
9	SMITH-SCHUSTER, JuJu	WR	6-2	220	11/22/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach (Poly)
10	GREENE, Jalen	WR	6-1	200	6/13/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Serra)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carson (Serra)
13	HAMPTON, De'Quan	WR	6-4	225	4/18/94	Sr./Sr.	1V	Carson (Dominguez /Long Beach CC)
14	DARNOLD, Sam	QB	6-4	225	6/5/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Capistrano Beach (San Clemente)
14	LANGLEY, Isaiah	DB	6-0	170	10/13/96	So./So.	1V	Hayward (Foothill)
15	WHITNEY, Isaac	WR	6-3	220	6/22/94	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Oklahoma City, OK (Southmoore/ Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)
15	FITTS, Thomas	QB	6-2	195	9/24/96	Fr.*/So.	--	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB	5-10	180	12/8/96	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
16	THOMAS, Holden	QB	6-5	195	6/20/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Pacific Palisades (Brentwood)
17	IMATORBHEBHE, Josh	WR	6-2	210	4/12/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett)
17	YOUNG, Keyshawn "Pie"	DB	5-11	175	12/29/96	Fr./Fr.	--	Miami, FL (Miami Senior)
18	POWELL, Quinton	ILB	6-2	200	10/25/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	215	3/27/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Antioch (De La Salle)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	195	12/13/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Rancho Cucamonga (Glendora)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	180	6/1/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Covina (Bishop Amat)
21	COOK, Jamel	DB	6-3	185	12/11/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Miami, FL (Miami Central)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	200	11/11/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Stockton (Lincoln)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	DB	6-1	195	11/21/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	DB	5-11	180	4/18/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
23	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	185	5/11/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	DB	5-11	180	1/10/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (Lamar)
25	JONES II, Ronald	TB	6-1	195	8/3/97	So./So.	1V	McKinney, TX (McKinney North)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	195	12/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Indio (Shadow Hills)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	DB	5-10	200	10/12/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
27	HARRIS, Ajene	DB-WR	5-11	190	6/1/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	195	6/29/97	So./So.	1V	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	DB	6-1	185	10/31/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson (Serra)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	190	1/21/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	DB	6-0	180	11/11/94	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
30	ROSS, Ykili	DB	6-0	200	9/17/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	DB	6-1	205	3/21/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Del Mar (Bishop's School)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	230	7/30/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Harbor City (Serra)
34	QUANSAH, Yoofi	DB	5-8	170	10/13/95	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Chino Hills (Chino Hills/UC San Diego)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	245	3/26/97	So./So.	1V	Roseville (Granite Bay)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	205	12/31/93	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/ San Francisco CC)
37	LOPES, Matt	DB	5-11	195	5/12/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
38	JONES, Jalen	DB	5-8	165	2/10/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Serra)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	FB	5-11	210	3/5/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
39	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	180	4/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/Saddleback JC)
41	HART, Deion	DB	5-9	180	5/14/94	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Hacienda Heights (Troy/Fullerton JC/ Santa Ana JC/Sam Houston State)
41	STEWART, Milo	WR	5-9	170	10/29/94	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Palm Desert (Marywood-Palm Valley)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	ILB	6-3	235	12/28/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Carson (Narbonne)
44	DORTON, Malik	DT	6-2	280	5/23/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
44	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	170	12/18/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	DE	6-5	260	2/8/97	So./So.	1V	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK-HLD	6-3	210	12/25/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
47	PETERS, Reuben	FB	6-0	225	10/25/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Westchester (Loyola)

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47	BERMINGHAM JR., James	P	6-4	185	6/12/96	So.*/Jr.	--	Laguna Beach (Dana Hills)
48	McNAMARA, Taylor	TE	6-5	245	8/12/94	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (Westview/Oklahoma)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-2	195	12/23/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Temecula (Linfield Christian)
49	BAYLE, Matt	DE	6-2	215	2/27/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Marino (St. Francis)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C	6-3	295	2/14/96	Jr./Jr.	2V	Cerritos (La Habra)
50	MOORE, Grant	ILB	6-0	210	2/8/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-4	325	6/27/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moreno Valley (St. John Bosco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-1	220	6/13/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
52	HERRERA, Christian	ILB	6-1	210	7/15/94	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Manhattan Beach (Serra/Harbor JC/ El Camino JC)
53	SCOTT, Kevin	DT	6-5	300	9/24/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Duarte (Salesian)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OG-OT	6-5	300	5/4/96	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Claremont (Claremont)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	215	9/20/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Waipahu, HI (St. Louis)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane	OG	6-2	315	12/13/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-4	210	3/26/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	C-DT	6-3	315	1/12/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
63	HEMSLEY, Roy	OG-OT	6-5	310	3/4/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Windward School)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG-OT	6-5	310	9/5/97	Fr./Fr.	--	West Covina (Mater Dei)
66	SMITH, Cole	C	6-4	280	8/19/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	OG	6-4	325	7/15/94	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Inglewood (Crespi)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	290	5/25/97	So./So.	1V	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-6	310	1/19/94	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	360	12/25/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
74	FALAH, Nico	C-OT	6-4	280	1/6/95	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
76	JOHNSTON, Clayton	OT	6-6	285	10/7/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Orange (Servite)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	300	4/26/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles (Loyola)
78	SMITH, Nathan	OT	6-6	275	4/17/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Murrieta (Murrieta Mesa)
79	ROSSOW, Connor	DT	6-2	305	4/23/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Tustin (Mater Dei)
80	BURNETT, Deontay	WR	6-0	170	10/4/97	So./So.	1V	Compton (Serra)
81	SIDNEY, Trevon	WR	5-11	170	10/24/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Covina (Bishop Amat)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-5	235	12/14/96	So./So.	1V	Lafayette (Campolindo)
85	BOYER, Jackson	WR	6-3	185	6/22/94	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Chapel Hill, NC (East Chapel Hill/North Carolina)
86	ANGELINE, Cary	TE	6-6	230	9/8/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Chester Springs, PA (Dowington East)
87	HURSH, Alec	TE	6-3	210	4/26/96	So.*/Jr.	--	Kansas City, KS (Pembroke Hill)
88	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-4	240	12/9/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/Florida)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DE	6-5	275	4/22/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	South Pasadena (Loyola)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DE	6-7	255	10/29/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
92	DANIEL, Jacob	DT	6-4	310	4/7/97	So./So.	1V	Fresno (Clovis North)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	220	6/3/95	Sr./Sr.	3V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DT	6-5	280	1/6/98	Fr./Fr.	--	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
94	GREEN, Rasheem	DT	6-5	280	5/15/97	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Serra)
95	BIGELOW JR., Kenny	DT	6-3	295	3/31/95	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
96	TU'IKOLOVATU, Stevie	DT	6-1	320	6/28/91	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Salt Lake City, UT (East/Utah)
98	FATU, Josh	DT	6-3	290	3/8/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Long Beach (Lakewood/Long Beach CC)
99	BETIKU JR., Oluwole	DE	6-3	250	6/22/97	Fr./Fr.	--	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)

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(Pre-2016 biographical information is available in the 2016 USC football media guide, or in the game notes for fall camp enrollees/additions.)

(86) CARY ANGELINE
Tight End, 6-6, 230, Fr./Fr.
Chester Springs, PA (Dowington East HS)

2016: Angeline redshirted as a first-year freshman tight end in 2016. He won **USC's 2016 Offensive Service Team Player of the Year Award.**

(56) JORDAN AUSTIN
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 300, So.*/Jr.
Claremont, CA (Claremont HS)

2016: Austin saw action in 9 games (all but Alabama, Stanford, Utah) as a backup offensive guard and on special teams as a sophomore in 2016

(73) ZACH BANNER
Offensive Tackle, 6-9, 360, Sr.*/Sr.
Tacoma, WA (Lakes HS)

CAREER: He has 37 starts in his career.

2016: Banner, USC's biggest player who also played basketball at USC earlier in his career, started for his third season at left offensive tackle. He appeared in 10 games in 2016 (he missed the Arizona State and Colorado games after spraining his ankle at Utah). At Utah, he took a lateral 3 yards. He made the **2016 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team, All-Pac-12 first team, Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team and was among 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award** (given to the nation's top senior excelling in community/classroom/character/competition). He won **USC's 2016 Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year Award and Community Service Award.** He was a **USC captain** in 2016.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	0	0/0	0	0	0	3	0.0	0	3
CAREER.....	2	0/0	0	0	0	3	0.0	0	3

(99) OLUWOLE BETIKU JR.
Defensive End, 6-3, 250, Fr./Fr.
Lagos, Nigeria (Serra HS)

2016: Betiku, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, has seen limited action in 5 games (Colorado, Arizona, California, Oregon, Notre Dame) as a reserve defensive end as a first-year freshman in 2016, but he did not make a tackle. He won **USC's 2016 Defensive Service Team Player of the Year Award.**

(95) KENNY BIGELOW JR.
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 295, Jr.*/Sr.
Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)

2016: Bigelow was set to compete for a starting defensive tackle spot as a junior in 2016, but he tore ligaments in his right knee in 2016 spring practice and was sidelined for the 2016 season while recovering.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)...	10	3/19	1	0

(39) MATT BOERMEESTER
Placekicker, 6-0, 180, Jr.*/Sr.
San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic HS/Saddleback JC)

CAREER: He has hit 15-of-20 field goals and 52-of-53 PATs, had 41 touchbacks on his 99 kickoffs and made 6 tackles.

2016: The left-footed Boermeester won the placekicking job as a junior in 2016 and proved to have an accurate and strong leg. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he hit 15-of-20 field goals and 48-of-49 PATs, had 40 touchbacks on his 77 kickoffs (USC had just 11 in 2015) and made 3 tackles. Six of his 15 field goals in 2016 were 40-plus yards (with just 4 misses from that distance).

Against Alabama, Boermeester attempted and hit his first career field goals (47 and 41 yards) and had 3 kickoffs, with a touchback, while Tilbey averaged 40.3 yards on 10 punts, including a 52-yarder, and had 4 pin the Crimson Tide within the 20. Against Utah State, he had 6 touchbacks on his 8 kickoffs (another pinned the Aggies within the 20) and he hit 1-of-2 field goals (a 20-yarder) and all 6 of his PATs. At Stanford, he hit a 47-yard field goal and a PAT and had touchbacks on 2 of his 3 kickoffs. At Utah, he hit a pair of field goals (32 and 43 yards) and all 3 of his PATS and 4 of his 6 kickoffs were touchbacks (the other 2 pinned the Utes within the 20). Against Arizona State, he hit 49- and 46-yard field goals (he also missed a pair) and all 5 of his PATs and he had 4 touchbacks on his 8 kickoffs (another 3 pinned the Sun Devils within the 20). Against Colorado, he had touchbacks on 2 of his 4 kickoffs and hit all 3 of his PATs. At Arizona, he had touchbacks on all 8 of his kickoffs and hit all 6 of his PATs (he also saw an unsuccessful 54-yard field goal try hit midway up the right upright). Against Californnia, he hit a 32-yard field goal and all 6 of his PATs and 2 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks. Against Oregon, he hit a 35-yard field goal and all 6 of his PATs and 3 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks. At Washington, he hit a 38-yard field goal and all 3 of his PATs and 2 of his 5 kickoffs were touchbacks. At UCLA, he hit a career-best 3 field goals (30, 32 and 25 yards) and 3-of-4 PATs plus 2 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks (2 others pinned UCLA within the 20) and he also made a bomming tackle. Against Notre Dame, he hit a 37-yard field goal and all 6 of his PATs and 4 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks.

	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT ATT	PAT	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)...	0	0	0	4	4	3	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	20	15	49	49	48	3	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	20	15	49	53	52	6	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT BOERMEESTER

2016

	FG-FGA	MADE	MISS	PAT-PAT ATT
Alabama*	2-2	47, 41	--	0-0
Utah St.*	1-2	20	46 WR	6-6
Stanford*	1-1	47	--	1-1
Utah*	2-2	32, 43	--	3-3
Arizona St.*	2-4	49, 46	53 WR, 37 WL	5-5
Colorado*	0-0	--	--	3-3
Arizona*	0-1	--	54 WR	6-6
California*	1-2	32	42 WR	6-6
Oregon*	1-1	35	--	6-6
Washington*	1-1	38	--	3-3
UCLA*	3-3	30, 32, 25	--	3-4
Notre Dame*	1-1	37	--	6-6
2016 (Jr.)...	15-20			48-49

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Alabama*	3	0 (1)
Utah St.*	8	1 (6)
Stanford*	3	0 (2)
Utah*	6	2 (4)
Arizona St.*	8	3 (4)
Colorado*	4	0 (2)
Arizona*	8	0 (8)
California*	8	4 (2)
Oregon*	8	2 (3)
Washington*	5	1 (2)
UCLA*	8	2 (2)
Notre Dame*	8	0 (4)
2016 (Jr.)	77	15 (40)

*Starter

(77) CHRIS BROWN
Offensive Guard, 6-5, 300, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (Loyola HS)

CAREER: He has 2 career starts.

2016: Brown saw action in all 12 games at left offensive guard and on special teams as a sophomore in 2016. He started the Alabama opener.

(49) MICHAEL BROWN
Placekicker, 6-2, 195, Fr./Fr.
Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian HS)

2016: Brown redshirted as a first-year freshman placekicker in 2016. He was awarded a scholarship at USC by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

(4) MAX BROWNE
Quarterback, 6-5, 220, Jr.*/Sr.
Sammamish, WA (Skyline HS)

CAREER: He has completed 69-of-112 passes (61.6%) for 650 yards with 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 3 career starts.

2016: Browne started USC's first 3 games (Alabama, Utah State, Stanford) at quarterback as a junior in 2016 and then appeared briefly off the bench in 6 others (Arizona State, Arizona, California, Oregon, UCLA, Notre Dame). Overall while appearing in 9 games, he completed 58-of-93 passes (62.4%) for 507 yards with 2 TDs and 2 interceptions. He won **USC's 2016 Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award.** He was a **USC captain** in 2016. He likely will transfer after the 2016 season.

He made his first career start and completed 14-of-29 passes for 101 yards and an interception (he completed his first 7 throws) against Alabama. Against Utah State, he completed 23-of-30 passes for 182 yards, with 2 TDs and an interception. He completed 18-of-28 passes for 191 yards at Stanford. He played the final 2 series against Arizona State and hit 1-of-2 passes for 14 yards. He played the fourth quarter at Arizona and was 2-of-2 for 19 yards, then took a snap against California. He played the final 2 series against Oregon (he threw an incomplete pass). He played the final 2 series at UCLA and played USC's final 3 series against Notre Dame and threw an incompletion.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	7	3	0	.429	30	0	13	4	13	3.3	0	7
2015 (So.)...	12	8	0	.667	113	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	93	58	2	.624	507	2	38	9	-23	-2.6	0	17
CAREER...	112	69	2	.616	650	2	38	13	-10	-0.8	0	17

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MAX BROWNE

2016

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Alabama*	29	14	1	.483	101	0	36
Utah St.*	30	23	1	.767	182	2	27
Stanford*	28	18	0	.643	191	0	38
Arizona St.	2	1	0	.500	14	0	14
Arizona	2	2	0	1.000	19	0	12
Oregon	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	93	58	2	.624	507	2	38

*Starter

(80) DEONTAY BURNETT
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 170, So./So.
Compton, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: He has 53 catches for 619 yards (11.7 avg) with 4 TDs in his career, along with 31 yards on 3 carries (10.3 avg), 2 punt returns for 20 yards (10.0 avg) and 2 tackles. He has 4 career starts.

2016: Burnett was called upon often as a promising and sure-handed wide receiver as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games (and starting the last 4 as a third wideout), he had 43 catches (third on USC) for 458 yards (10.7 avg) with 4 TDs, as well as 3 carries for 31 yards (10.3 avg), 2 punt returns for 20 yards (10.0 avg) and 2 tackles.

Burnett 4 had receptions for 26 yards and a 15-yard punt return against Alabama, 3 catches for 24 yards (with a 13-yard TD) and a 12-yard rush against Utah State and 3 receptions for 41 yards at Stanford. He had 7 catches for 93 yards against Arizona State, then 5 for 34 yards against Colorado, an 11-yard catch at Arizona and a 13-yard TD catch and a 15-yard rush against California. Against Oregon, Burnett had a game-high and career-best 7 catches for 87 yards (with a 2-yard TD) and he had a tackle. He had 4 grabs for 67 yards at Washington, 3 catches for 28 yards, a 4-yard rush and a tackle at UCLA and 5 catches for 34 yards against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	10	161	16.1	0	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	43	458	10.7	4	40	3	31	10.3	0	15
CAREER.....	53	619	11.7	4	40	3	31	10.3	0	15

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (So.)...	2	20	10.0	0	15	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DEONTAY BURNETT

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	4	26	6.5	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.	3	24	8.0	1	13	1	12	12.0	0	12
Stanford	3	41	13.7	0	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	7	93	13.3	0	40	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	5	34	6.8	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	1	11	11.0	1	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	1	13	13.0	1	13	1	15	15.0	0	15
Oregon*	7	87	12.6	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	4	67	16.8	0	25	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	28	9.3	0	12	1	4	4.0	0	4
Notre Dame*	5	34	3.8	0	20	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	43	458	10.7	4	40	3	31	10.3	0	15

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama	1	15	15.0	0	15	0	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	5	5.0	0	5	0	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	2	20	10.0	0	15	2	0/0	0	0

*Starter

(21) JAMEL COOK
Safety, 6-3, 185, Fr./Fr.
Miami, FL (Miami Central)

2016: Cook redshirted as a first-year freshman safety in 2016. He was sidelined for USC's first 6 games of 2016 with a foot injury suffered in the off-season.

(92) JACOB DANIEL
Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 310, So./So.
Fresno, CA (Clovis North HS)

CAREER: He has 9 tackles and a deflection in his career.

2016: Daniel was a reserve defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 8 games (all but Stanford, Colorado, California, Notre Dame), he made 6 tackles. He had 3 stops against both Arizona State and Arizona.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	1	0
2016 (So.)...	6	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	9	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JACOB DANIEL

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona St.	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	6	0/0	0	0

(14) SAM DARNOLD
Quarterback, 6-4, 225, Fr.*/So.
Capistrano Beach, CA (San Clemente HS)

2016: The precocious Darnold, known for his quick release, accuracy and mobility, has proven to be among the top quarterbacks in the nation as just a redshirt freshman in 2016. His insertion into the starting lineup in the fourth game of 2016 gave the USC offense a spark as the Trojans won the past 8 games. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games and starting the last 9, he has completed 213-of-313 passes (68.1%) for 2,633 yards with 26 TDs and 8 interceptions, plus 57 carries for 230 yards (4.0 avg) with 2 TDs and 2 tackles.

He is among 10 **finalists for the 2016 Manning Award** and was among 18 **semifinalists for the O'Brien Award**, both awarded to the nation's top quarterback. He was the **2016 Pac-12 Freshman Offensive Player of the Year** and made **Campus Insiders Freshman All-American second team and All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's 2016 Most Inspirational Player Award and Bob Chandler Award** (underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character)

His 68.1% completion percentage in 2016 is just shy of Cody Kessler's USC season mark of 69.7% set in 2014. He is the only USC quarterback in history to have back-to-back 5 passing TD games (Arizona and California in 2016). He has thrown multiple TD passes in 8 straight games, the most by a Trojan since Matt Leinart's 15 in 2003-04. He currently is sixth nationally in completion percentage (.681, second in Pac-12), 10th in passing efficiency (161.0, second in Pac-12) and 18th in passing TDs (26, fourth in Pac-12). He is second in the nation in ESPN's Total Quarterback Rating (86.8), behind only Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield. In his 9 starts, he has thrown 24 touchdowns and just 7 interceptions. Among freshmen quarterbacks, he is first nationally in passing efficiency (161.0), completion percentage (.681), TD passes (26) and yards per attempt (8.4). His 24 TDs in 2016 is a USC freshman season record. His 230 rushing yards in 2016 are the most in a season by a USC quarterback since Reggie Perry's 254 in 1991. He already is 17th on USC's career passing list with 213 completions (he also is 19th on Troy's season passing chart with those 213 completions). His 2,863 yards of total offense in 2016 is 15th on USC's season list.

Playing off the bench against Alabama, he was 4-of-8 for 29 yards and he ran for 9 yards on 3 carries. Against Utah State, he was 5-of-7 for 62 yards with 2 TDs off the bench. At Stanford, he saw late action and was 5-of-7 for 45 yards and an interception. At Utah, he made his first start (just the sixth redshirt freshman to start at quarterback for USC) and hit 18-of-26 passes for 253 yards and he also ran for 41 yards on 9 carries (with an 8-yard TD), the most rushing yards in a game by a USC quarterback since Matt Leinart's 46 in 2004 against Colorado State. He completed 69.7% of his passes (23-of-33) for 352 yards and 3 TDs (all career highs) while starting against Arizona State (he also ran for 8 yards on 3 tries, with a 3-yard TD run) to earn **Manning Award Star of the Week** honors. Against Colorado, he threw for a career-best 358 yards with 3 TDs on 25-of-37 passing to become the first USC freshman to have back-to-back 300-yard passing games since Todd Marinovich in 1989 did so versus Notre Dame and Stanford (he earned **O'Brien Award Great 8** honors), but he also had an interception and lost 2 fumbles (he ran for 22 yards on 8 carries). He threw a USC freshman record 5 TDs at Arizona on 20-of-32 passing and he added 54 yards on 6 carries (the most rushing yards in a game by a USC quarterback since Carson Palmer's 60 against Kansas State in 2001) while playing just the first 3 quarters to earn **Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week, O'Brien Award Great 8 and Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week** honors. For a USC record second consecutive game, he threw 5 touchdowns (also tying his USC freshman game record) as he completed 72.0% of his passes (18-0f-25) for 231 yards against California, but he threw an interception and lost 2 fumbles (and he had 5 rushes for 12 yards). Against Oregon, he hit 70.0% of his passes (28-of-40, both career highs) for 309 yards with 2 TDs but he threw an interception (he also ran for 23 yards on 5 carries). At Washington, he completed 69.7% of his passes (23-of-33) for 287 yards with 2 TDs and 2 interceptions, and also ran for 15 yards on 4 carries to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and O'Brien Award Great 8** honors. He completed 25-of-36 passes for 267 yards and 2 TDs (with 2 interceptions) and ran for 27 yards on 9 carries at UCLA. He was 19-of-29 passing for 205 yards and 2 TDs (52 and 2 yards) with no picks against Notre Dame and he also ran for 16 yards on 3 tries.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	313	213	8	.681	2633	26	67	57	230	4.0	2	18

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SAM DARNOLD

2016

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	8	4	0	.500	29	0	11	3	9	3.0	0	7
Utah St.	7	5	0	.714	62	2	15	2	3	1.5	0	4
Stanford	7	5	1	.714	45	0	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	26	18	0	.692	253	0	35	9	41	4.6	1	14
Arizona St.*	33	23	0	.697	352	3	67	3	8	2.7	1	4
Colorado*	37	25	1	.676	358	3	46	8	22	2.8	0	17
Arizona*	32	20	0	.625	235	5	46	6	54	9.0	0	18
California*	25	18	1	.720	231	5	36	5	12	2.4	0	15
Oregon*	40	28	1	.667	309	2	37	5	23	4.6	0	10
Washington*	33	23	2	.697	287	2	27	4	15	3.8	0	9
UCLA*	36	25	2	.694	267	2	31	9	27	3.0	0	15
Notre Dame*	29	19	0	.655	205	2	52	3	16	5.3	0	8
2016 (Fr.)...	313	213	8	.681	2633	26	67	57	230	4.0	2	18

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(16) DOMINIC DAVIS
Tailback, 5-10, 180, So./So.
Los Angeles, CA (Alemany HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 201 yards on 37 carries (5.4 avg), 11 receptions for 121 yards (11.0 avg), a 2 yard kickoff return and a tackle.

2016: Davis, also is a sprinter on USC's track team, was a backup tailback as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while seeing action in 9 games (all but Arizona State, Colorado, California), he has 132 yards on 23 carries (5.7 avg) and 4 receptions for 19 yards (4.8 avg). A thigh injury sidelined him for the Arizona State game. He had 5 yards on 2 carries and caught a 6-yard pass against Alabama, then had 8 yards on 3 tries versus Utah State. He had a career-high 89 yards on 7 tries (including an 85-yarder, USC's longest run since LaVale Woods went 96 yards against Oregon State in 1996) at Arizona. He had 28 yards on 6 tries and caught 2 passes for 5 yards against Oregon. He caught an 8-yard pass at Washington and had 2 yards on 5 carries against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	14	69	4.9	0	19	7	102	14.6	0	35
2016 (So.)...	23	132	5.7	0	85	4	19	5.8	0	8
CAREER.....	37	201	5.4	0	85	11	121	11.0	0	35

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	1	2	2.0	0	2	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DOMINIC DAVIS

2016

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	2	5	2.5	0	3	1	6	6.0	0	6
Utah St.	3	8	2.7	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	7	89	12.7	0	85	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	6	28	4.7	0	15	2	5	2.5	0	5
Washington	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	8	8.0	0	8
Notre Dame	5	2	0.4	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	23	132	5.7	0	85	4	19	5.8	0	8

(22) JUSTIN DAVIS
Tailback, 6-1, 200, Sr./Sr.
Stockton, CA (Lincoln HS)

CAREER: He has 2,422 yards on 455 carries (5.3 avg) with 19 TDs, plus 45 receptions for 386 yards (8.6 avg) with 3 TDs and 7 kickoff returns for 211 yards (19.2 avg) in his career. His 2,422 career rushing yards is 12th on USC's all-time list. He has 5 100-yard rushing games in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2016: The experienced Davis, a quick, darting runner, started the first 6 games at tailback as a senior in 2016, but an ankle injury in the sixth game (Colorado) sidelined him for the next 3 games (Arizona, California, Oregon) and he has saw as a backup since. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 9 games (with 6 starts), he has 564 yards on 104

carries (5.4 avg) with 2 TDs and 13 receptions for 98 yards (7.5 avg). He won **USC's 2016 Trojan Commitment Award and Lifter of the Year Award**.

He had 2 yards on 7 carries and caught 2 passes for 5 yards against Alabama, then a game-best 70 yards on 16 carries and 2 receptions for 36 yards against Utah State. He rushed for 63 yards on 14 carries and 4 catches for 10 yards at Stanford. He had a game-best 216 yards on 10 carries (12.6 per rush) with a 14-yard TD at Utah. He had a game-high 123 yards on 14 carries with a 37-yard TD run and he caught 2 passes for 38 yards against Arizona State. He had a game-best 92 yards on 13 carries against Colorado before leaving in the third quarter with an ankle injury. He had 4 yards on 5 carries and 2 catches for 1 yard at Washington. He had 48 yards on 15 tries and he had an 8-yard catch at UCLA. He ran for 36 yards on 10 tries against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	53	361	6.8	6	58	1	7	7.0	0	7
2014 (So.)...	129	595	4.6	4	47	13	92	7.1	2	16
2015 (Jr.)...	169	902	5.3	7	43	18	189	10.5	0	23
2016 (Sr.)...	104	564	5.4	2	50	13	98	7.5	0	27
CAREER.....	455	2422	5.3	19	58	45	386	8.6	2	27

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Jr.)...	11	211	19.2	0	36

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUSTIN DAVIS

2016

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	7	2	0.3	0	3	2	5	2.5	0	6
Utah St.*	16	70	4.4	0	11	2	36	18.0	0	27
Stanford*	14	63	4.5	0	12	4	10	2.5	0	5
Utah*	10	126	12.6	1	50	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	14	123	8.8	1	49	2	38	19.0	0	21
Colorado*	13	92	7.1	0	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	5	4	0.8	0	2	2	1	0.5	0	4
UCLA	15	48	3.2	0	11	1	8	8.0	0	8
Notre Dame	10	36	3.6	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	104	564	5.4	2	50	13	98	7.5	0	27

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(44) MALIK DORTON
Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 280, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has 11 tackles (1.5 for losses) and a deflection in his career.

2016: Dorton served as a backup defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016, he saw action in 11 games (all but Washington) and started against Alabama, and he had 9 tackles, including 1.5 for a loss of 16 yards (with a 15-yard sack), and a deflection. He had 3 tackles against Alabama, 1 each against Stanford and Utah (with a deflection), 2 versus Arizona State (with 0.5 for a loss) and 1 each versus Colorado (a sack) and California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	9	1.5/16	1	0
CAREER.....	11	1.5/16	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MALIK DORTON

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	1	0
Arizona St.	2	0.5/1	0	0
Colorado	1	1/15	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	9	1.5/16	1	0

*Starter

(70) CHUMA EDOGA
Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 290, So./So.
Atlanta, GA (McEachern HS)

CAREER: He has 4 career starts.

2016: Edoga was an often-used backup offensive tackle as a sophomore in 2016, able to play on the left or right side. Overall in 2016, he appeared in 9 games (all but Stanford, Utah, California) and started the season's first 2 games (Alabama, Utah State) at left tackle. He missed the Utah game while sick and the California game because of a team rules violation.

(74) NICO FALAH
Center-Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 280, Jr.*/Sr.
Hermosa Beach, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has 12 career starts.

2016: After seeing action off the bench in the Alabama opener, Falah started the final 11 games at center as a junior in 2016 (he is also able to play offensive tackle). He also plays on special teams.

(98) JOSH FATU
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 290, Jr./Jr.
Long Beach, CA (Lakewood HS/Long Beach CC)

2016: Fatu, a junior college transfer who came to USC in the fall of 2016, served as an often-used backup defensive tackle as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016, he appeared in 11 games (all but UCLA, which he sat out with a ankle sprain suffered at Washington) and started once (Arizona), and he had 21 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 5 yards (with a 5-yard sack). He had a tackle against Alabama, 4 tackles (with a sack) against Utah State, 2 tackles at Stanford, 1 tackle against Utah, 2 stops (0.5 for a loss) against Arizona State), 1 tackle versus Colorado, 2 tackles at Arizona, 1 versus California, 4 against Oregon, 1 at Washington and 2 versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Jr.)...	21	1.5/5	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOSH FATU

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama	1	0/0	0	0
Utah St.	4	1/5	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0.5/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	2	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	4	0/0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	21	1.5/5	0	0

*Starter

(19) MATT FINK
Quarterback, 6-3, 195, Fr./Fr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora HS)

2016: Fink, a quarterback equally effective as a passer and runner who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a first-year freshman in 2016. He was sidelined for the Stanford, Utah and Arizona State games with a sprained ankle.

(94) RASHEEM GREEN
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 280, So./So.
Los Angeles, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: He has 69 tackles, including 6.5 for losses (with 5.5 sacks), plus 4 deflections, 2 blocked field goals, a fumble recovery (for a TD) and a forced fumble in his career. He has 11 career starts.

2016: Green started at defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2016 and made an impact. Overall in 2016 while appeaing in all 12 games (starting all but the Alabama opener), he made 50 tackles, including 5.5 for losses of 31 yards (with 5 sacks for minus 30 yards), 4 deflections, 2 blocked field goals and a forced fumble. He is fourth nationally in blocked kicks (2, first in Pac-12). He made **2016 Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention and All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

He had 5 stops (1 for a loss, with 0.5 sack) against Alabama, 2 tackles against Utah State, 3 stops at Stanford and 7 tackles and forced a fumble at Utah. He had 2 tackles (with a sack) against Arizona State, 7 tackles (0.5 sacks) against Colorado, a tackle at Arizona and 3 tackles against California. He had 1.5 sacks among his 6 tackles against Oregon, then had 4 tackles (1 for a loss), 2 deflections and blocked a field goal at Washington, 4 tackles and blocked a field goal at UCLA and 6 tackles (0.5 sack) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	19	1/4	0	1#
2016 (So.)...	50	5.5/31	6##	0
CAREER.....	69	6.5/35	6##	1#

#Includes 1 returned for TD
##Includes 2 blocked field goals

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RASHEEM GREEN

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama	5	1/1	0	0
Utah St.*	2	0/0	2	0
Stanford*	3	0/0	0	0
Utah*	7	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	1/8	0	0
Colorado*	7	0.5/2	0	0
Arizona*	1	0/0	0	0
California*	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	6	1.5/9	0	0
Washington*	4	1/8	3%	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	1%	0
Notre Dame*	6	0.5/3	0	0
2016 (So.)...	50	5.5/31	6##	0

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%Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 2 blocked field goals

(10) JALEN GREENE
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 200, So.*/Jr.
Gardena, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 17 receptions for 192 yards (11.3 avg) and 7 carries for 19 yards (2.7 avg), plus he has completed 3-of-5 passes for 127 yards with a TD. He has 3 career starts.

2016: Greene, who came to USC as a quarterback, saw action as a sophomore in 2016 as a backup wide receiver and he played on special teams. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 7 receptions for 88 yards (12.6 avg), ran for 12 yards on 4 carries (3.0 avg) and threw an incomplete pass. He worked at quarterback (his original position when he enrolled at USC) during 2016 spring drills.

He caught a 15-yard pass and ran twice for 14 yards (out of the Wildcat formation) against Utah State, then had a 14-yard reception and a rush for no yards against Arizona State, a 12-yard catch, a rush for minus 2 yards and an incomplete pass at Arizona, 2 catches for 20 yards against California and a reception against both UCLA (12 yards) and Notre Dame (15 yards).

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	10	104	10.4	0	16	3	7	2.3	0	7
2016 (So.)...	7	88	12.6	0	15	4	12	3.0	0	20
CAREER.....	17	192	11.3	0	16	7	19	2.7	0	20

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	4	3	0	.750	127	1	75
2016 (So.)...	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
CAREER.....	5	3	0	.600	127	1	75

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JALEN GREENE

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	1	15	15.0	0	15	2	14	7.0	0	20
Arizona St.	1	14	14.0	0	14	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	1	12	12.0	0	12	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
California	2	20	10.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	12	12.0	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	15	15.0	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	7	88	12.6	0	15	4	12	3.0	0	20

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Arizona	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0

(45) PORTER GUSTIN
Defensive End, 6-5, 260, So./So.
Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills HS)

CAREER: He has 89 tackles, including 19 for losses (with 11 sacks), plus 4 deflections in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2016: Gustin started all season at outside linebacker as a sophomore in 2016 and proved to be a dominant force. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had 64 tackles (second on USC), including team-highs in tackles for loss (12 for 55 yards) and sacks (5.5 for 42 yards), plus 4 deflections. He made **2016 Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention and All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's 2016 John McKay Award** (underclassman with the most competitive spirit) **and Lifter's Award**.

He had a game-best 9 tackles against Alabama, then 6 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), against Utah State and 4 tackles at Stanford. He had 13 tackles (1 for loss) at Utah (his home state), 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against Arizona State, 5 tackles and a deflection against Colorado, 3 tackles at Arizona and a tackle against California. He had 4 tackles (1.5 for losses) and 2 deflections against Oregon, then at Washington had 2 sacks among his 5 tackles and he also had a deflection. He had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) at UCLA and 8 tackles (with 1.5 sacks) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	25	7/44	0	0
2016 (So.)...	64	12/55	4	0
CAREER.....	89	19/99	4	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH PORTER GUSTIN

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	9	1.5/9	0	0
Utah St.*	6	2/13	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah*	13	1/1	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	1/3	0	0
Colorado*	5	0/0	1	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0
California*	1	0.5/0	0	0
Oregon*	4	1.5/6	2	0
Washington*	5	2/10	1	0
UCLA*	4	1/2	0	0
Notre Dame*	8	1.5/11	0	0
2016 (So.)...	64	12/55	4	0

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(13) De'QUAN HAMPTON
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 225, Sr./Sr.
Carson, CA (Dominguez HS/Long Beach CC)

CAREER: He has 22 receptions for 238 yards (10.8 avg) with 2 TDs, plus a tackle, in his career.

2016: Hampton served as a key backup wide receiver as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 7 catches for 73 yards (10.4 avg) with 2 TDs. He had a 9-yard reception against Utah State, a catch for minus 3 yards at Utah, 2 grabs for 16 yards at California and then 3 receptions for 51 yards with 2 TDs (31 and 6 yards) at UCLA to win **USC's Player of the Game Versus UCLA Award**.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Jr.)...	15	165	11.0	0	29	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	7	73	10.4	2	31	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	22	238	10.8	2	31	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH De'QUAN HAMPTON

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	1	9	9.0	0	9
Stanford	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3
Arizona	2	16	8.0	0	9
UCLA	3	51	17.0	2	31
2016 (So.)...	7	73	10.4	2	31

(18) AJENE HARRIS
Cornerback-Wide Receiver, 5-11, 190, So.*/Jr.
Los Angeles, CA (Crenshaw)

CAREER: In his career, he has 27 tackles, including 3.5 for losses (with a sack), 4 deflections, 2 interceptions (1 for a TD), 2 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery on offense and 4 receptions for 38 yards (9.5 avg), a 14-yard rush and an incomplete pass on offense. He has 4 career starts.

2016: Harris returned healthy from 2015 hip surgery and the converted sophomore wide receiver got into the playing rotation at cornerback, often as the nickelback. He also played on special teams. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games (he started the last 3 as the nickelback), he had 27 tackles, including 3.5 for losses of 17 yards (with a 5-yard sack), 4 deflections, 2 interceptions (1 for a TD) for 66 yards (33.0 avg), 2 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery on defense, plus he had a 14-yard rush on offense.

He had 2 tackles and a forced fumble against Alabama, a deflection on defense and a 14-yard run on offense against Utah State, a tackle at Stanford, 2 tackles at Utah, a stop against Arizona State and 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against Colorado. He had 2 tackles and an interception at Arizona, 3 tackles, 2 deflections and recovered a fumble against California, a deflection against Oregon and 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Washington. He had a team-best 5 tackles at UCLA, then had 6 tackles (2 for a loss, with a sack), a forced fumble and returned an interception 33 yards for a TD against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (So.)...	27	3.5/17	4	1	2	66	33.0	2	33

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	4	38	9.5	0	21	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (So.)...	1	14	14.0	0	14

GAME-BY-GAME WITH AJENE HARRIS

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.	0	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	2	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0	1	33	33.0	0	33
California	3	0/0	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	0	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	3	0.5/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	2/14	0	0	1	33	33.0	1	33
2016 (So.)...	27	3.5/17	4	1	2	66	33.0	2	33

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	1	14	14.0	0	14
2016 (So.)...	1	14	14.0	0	14

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(4) CHRIS HAWKINS
Safety, 5-11, 185, Jr.*/Sr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

CAREER: He has 144 tackles, including 6.5 for losses (with a sack), 4 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries (1 for a TD), 2 forced fumbles and 3 interceptions in his career. He has 22 career starts (14 at free safety, 4 at strong safety and 4 at cornerback).

2016: Hawkins saw significant action at strong safety as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games (starting 4 times, versus Alabama, Utah State, Stanford, Oregon), he had 42 tackles, including 4 for losses of 16 yards (with a 10-yard sack), plus 2 deflections and 2 forced fumbles. He made **2016 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He was limited in 2016 spring practice while recovering from 2015 post-season ankle surgery.

He had 3 tackles against Alabama, then 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection against Utah State and 5 tackles (1 for a loss) and a forced fumble at Stanford. He had 3 tackles (with a sack) and a deflection against Arizona State, 2 tackles against Colorado, a team-high 5 tackles and a forced fumble at Arizona and 6 tackles versus California. He had 7 tackles against Oregon, then 2 tackles (1 for loss) at Washington and 1 tackle versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/2	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	70	1.5/4	0	2#	2	20	10.0	0	20
2016 (Jr.)...	42	4/16	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	144	6.5/22	4	2#	3	20	6.7	0	20

#Includes 1 returned for TD

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRIS HAWKINS

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	3	0/0	0	0
Utah St.*	8	1/2	1	0
Stanford*	5	1/2	0	0
Arizona St.	3	1/10	1	0
Colorado	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	5	0/0	0	0
California	6	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	7	0/0	0	0
Washington	2	1/2	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	42	4/16	2	0

*Starter

(63) ROY HEMSLEY
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 310, Fr.*/So.
Los Angeles, CA (Windward School)

2016: Hemsley saw brief action in 2 games (Arizona, Notre Dame) at offensive guard as a redshirt freshman in 2016.

(10) JOHN HOUSTON JR.
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 220, Fr.*/So.
Carson, CA (Serra HS)

2016: Houston, who returned healthy after a 2015 back injury, saw action as a backup at inside linebacker and on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he made 15 tackles. He had 3 tackles at Stanford, 2 against Arizona State, 1 each versus Colorado, Arizona and California, 2 against both Oregon and Washington, 1 at UCLA and 2 versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	15	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOHN HOUSTON JR.

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Stanford	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
Washington	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	15	0/0	0	0

(19) MICHAEL HUTCHINGS
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 215, Sr./Sr.
Antioch, CA (De La Salle HS)

CAREER: He has 116 tackles, including 6 for losses (with 3 sacks), 1 deflection and 1 interception in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2016: Hutchings started all of 2016 at inside linebacker as a senior and performed solidly. Overall while starting all 12 games, he had 64 tackles (second on USC), including 6 for losses of 28 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 22 yards), plus he had a deflection. He made **2016 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's 2016 Chris Carlisle Courage Award**. He was a **USC captain** in 2016.

He had 5 tackles (2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks) against Alabama, 5 tackles and a deflection versus Utah State, a game-best 7 tackles at Stanford, 6 tackles at Utah, 4 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against Arizona State, 6 tackles (0.5 sack) against Colorado, 4 tackles (including 1 for a loss) at Arizona, 6 tackles against California, 5 tackles against Oregon, a game-best 9 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Washington, 2 stops at UCLA and 5 tackles (1 for a loss) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	20	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6
2015 (Jr.)...	13	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	64	6/28	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	116	6/28	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL HUTCHINGS

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	5	2.5/13	0	0
Utah St.*	5	0/0	1	0
Stanford*	7	0/0	0	0
Utah*	6	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0.5/0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0.5/3	0	0
Arizona*	4	1/3	0	0
California*	6	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	5	0/0	0	0
Washington*	9	0.5/2	0	0
UCLA*	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	1/7	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	64	6/28	1	0

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(88) DANIEL IMATORBHEBHE
Tight End, 6-4, 240, Fr.*/So.
Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett HS/Florida)

2016: Imatorbhebhe, whose younger brother is also on the USC roster, proved to be an effective tight end while seeing significant playing time as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games (starting 5 times, versus Stanford, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, California), he had 15 catches for 225 yards (15.0 avg) with 4 TDs. He made **2016 Campus Insiders Freshman All-American second team and All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

He had a 7-yard catch against Utah State, 2 grabs for 45 yards, including a 32-yard TD, against Colorado, an 8-yard TD catch at Arizona, a 17-yard TD reception against California, 2 grabs for 37 yards against Oregon, 5 catches for 78 yards (both career highs), with an 8-yard TD, at Washington, 2 catches for 27 yards at UCLA and a 6-yard reception against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	15	225	15.0	4	37

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DANIEL IMATORBHEBHE

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	1	7	7.0	0	7
Colorado*	2	45	22.5	1	32
Arizona*	1	8	8.0	1	8
California*	1	17	17.0	1	17
Oregon	2	37	18.5	0	37
Washington	5	78	15.6	1	23
UCLA	2	27	13.5	0	15
Notre Dame	1	6	6.0	0	6
2016 (Fr.)...	15	225	15.0	4	37

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(17) JOSH IMATORBHEBHE
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 210, Fr./Fr.
Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett HS)

2016: Imatorbhebhe, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school and joined his older brother on the USC roster, redshirted as a first-year freshman wide receiver in 2016.

(56) JORDAN IOSEFA
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 215, Fr./Fr.
Waipahu, HI (St. Louis HS)

2016: Iosefa served as a backup inside linebacker and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 9 tackles. He had 2 tackles each against Utah State, Stanford and Arizona State, then 1 stop at Arizona and 2 tackles versus California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JORDAN IOSEFA

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Utah St.	2	0/0	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	0

(2) ADOREE' JACKSON
Cornerback-Wide Receiver-Returner, 5-11, 185, Jr./Jr.
Belleville, IL (Serra HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 135 tackles (6 for losses), 29 deflections, 5 interceptions (1 for TD), 3 fumble recoveries and 2 forced fumbles on defense, 38 receptions for 604 yards (15.9 avg) with 6 TDs and 13 carries for 90 yards (6.9 avg) on offense and 75 kickoff returns for 2,045 yards (27.3 avg) with 4 TDs and 45 punt returns for 565 yards (12.6 avg) with 4 TDs on special teams. In his career, he has scored 15 touchdowns in 4 different ways: via reception (6), interception (1), punt return (4) and kickoff return (4). He owns the USC career records for kickoff return yardage (2,045 yards) and returns (75) and his 27.3 career kick return average is second on the USC chart behind Anthony Davis' 34.0. Among his 4 scoring kickoff returns, he has a USC record-tying 2 of 100 yards. He is fifth on USC's all-time punt return ladder (565 yards). His 4 career punt return TDs ties the USC record (with Nelson Agholor). He has 36 career starts (33 at cornerback, 1 at safety, 1 at wide receiver and 1 concurrently at cornerback and wide receiver).

2016: Jackson, perhaps the most exciting player in college football, returned as a junior in 2016 for his third year as a starting cornerback and also made an impact as a returner and on offense. USC's first 3-way player in nearly 20 years, he drew comparisons with former Michigan Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson (they have posted comparable statistics). Jackson also is the 2-time defending (2015 and 2016) Pac-12 long jump champion for USC's track team and he was fifth at both the 2015 and 2016 NCAA Meets to twice earn All-American status. He

missed 2016 spring football practice while focusing on track.

Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games at cornerback, he had 51 tackles (including 2 for losses of 4 yards), a team-best 11 deflections, a team-high 4 interceptions and a team-best 2 fumble recoveries on defense, he returned 22 kickoffs for 671 yards (30.5 avg) with 2 TDs and 19 punts for 302 yards (15.9 avg) with 2 TDs on special teams and he had 5 carries for 49 yards (9.8 avg) and a 52-yard TD reception while playing 13 plays on offense. He was second nationally in punt return TDs (2, first in Pac-12), second in kickoff return TDs (2, first in Pac-12), third in punt returns (15.9, first in Pac-12), sixth in kickoff returns (30.5, first in Pac-12) and 21st in passes defended (1.3, third in Pac-12).

He **won the 2016 Thorpe Award and was among 4 finalists for the Hornung Award and 4 finalists for the Lott IMPACT Trophy**. He was named a **2016 consensus All-American first teamer by AP (as a cornerback), Football Writers (as punt returner), Football Coaches (as an all-purpose player), Walter Camp (as defensive back; also second team as kick returner), Sporting News (as cornerback), ESPN (as an all-purpose player), Sports Illustrated (as an all-purpose player; also second team as a returner), CBS Sports (as a cornerback and punt returner; also second team as an all-purpose player and kick returner), Phil Steele (as punt returner; also second team as all-purpose player and third team as defensive back and kick returner) Campus Insiders All-American first team (as all-purpose player) and CollegeSportsMadness.com (as defensive back; also third team as kick returner and as punt returner) and a second teamer by USA Today (as a returner)**. He was the **2016 Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and made the All-Pac-12 first team at 2 positions (defensive back and return specialist), as well as Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team (as a defensive back, kick returner and punt returner)**. He was named **USC's 2016 Most Valuable Player** (the first Trojan to repeat as team MVP since 2004-05 and only the ninth to win the honor twice since the award was first presented in 1967), as well as **USC's Special Teams Player of the Year, Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year and Player of the Game Versus Notre Dame**. He was a **USC captain** in 2016.

He had 4 tackles (while limiting 2015 Freshman All-American WR Calvin Ridley to just 2 receptions for 9 yards) and he returned 4 kickoffs for 112 yards against Alabama (he also had 1 snap on offense). He had 2 tackles on defense and returned a punt for a 77-yard TD against Utah State to earn **Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week**. He had 6 tackles (1 for a loss), an interception and a deflection, along with 2 kickoff returns for 37 yards and a 25-yard punt return, at Stanford (he also had 1 snap on offense). At Utah, he had 7 tackles, 2 deflections and a fumble recovery, along with a 100-yard kickoff return for a TD (his third career scoring kick runback, including a USC record-tying second for 100 yards, joining his 100-yarder at Utah in 2014) and an 11-yard rush on his only offensive play. Against Arizona State, he had 5 tackles and a deflection, returned 3 kickoffs for 62 yards and had 3 punt returns for 16 yards. Against Colorado, he had 6 tackles and a spectacular tip-toe-the-sideline interception (as the Buffaloes were driving in USC territory), he had a 38-yard kickoff return to tie the USC career kick return yardage record and he added 4 punt returns for 50 yards (including a 47-yarder) and he played 1 snap on offense to earn **Hornung Award Honor Roll and Lott IMPACT Player of the Week** notice. He had 4 tackles and returned a fumble 26 yards to set up a USC TD, plus he had 2 punt returns for 3 yards at Arizona (he also had 1 snap on offense). Against California, he had 6 tackles and a deflection, plus 2 kickoff returns for 56 yards, 2 punt returns for 33 yards and a rush for 1 yard (while getting 2 snaps on offense). Against Oregon, he had 2 tackles and a deflection, plus 2 punt returns for 16 yards (he also played 3 snaps on offense). At Washington, he picked off a pair of passes to go along with 3 tackles and a deflection on defense, plus he returned 3 kickoffs for 59 yards and had an 8-yard third down rush to pick up a key first down on USC's final scoring drive to earn **CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week, Hornung Award Honor Roll, Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week and Lott IMPACT Player of the Week** honors. At UCLA, he had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections, a 17-yard rush, 2 kickoff returns for 46 yards and a 16-yard punt return. He scored 3 touchdowns against Notre Dame (a 55-yard punt return, 97-yard kickoff return in which he hurdled an Irish defender and 52-yard pass reception) to become the first Trojan since records were available in 1956 to have scoring punt and kick runbacks in a game; overall, he had 2 tackles and 2 deflections on defense, returned 3 punts for 66 yards and 4 kickoffs for 161 yards and had the 52-yard reception and a 12-yard rush for a first down among his 5 offensive snaps to earn **Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week, Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week and Lott IMPACT Player of the Week** honors.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	49	4/7	10	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	35	0/0	8	0	1	46	46.0	1	46
2016 (Jr.)...	51	2/4	11	2	4	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	135	6/11	29	3	5	46	9.2	1	46

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	10	138	13.8	3	71	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (So.)...	27	414	15.3	2	83	7	36	5.1	0	27
2016 (Jr.)...	1	52	52.0	1	52	5	49	9.8	0	17
CAREER.....	38	604	15.9	6	83	13	90	6.9	0	27

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	23	684	29.7	2	100	2	12	12.0	0	10
2015 (So.)...	30	690	23.0	0	40	24	251	10.5	2	45
2016 (Jr.)...	22	671	30.5	2	100	19	302	15.9	2	77
CAREER.....	75	2045	27.3	4	100	45	565	12.6	4	77

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ADOREE' JACKSON

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	6	1/3	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	7	0/0	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	4	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	6	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	3	0/0	1	0	2	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	1/1	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	2	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	51	2/4	11	2	4	0	0.0	0	0

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	11	11.0	0	11
California*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
Washington*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	8	8.0	0	8
UCLA*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	17	17.0	0	17
Notre Dame*	1	52	52.0	1	52	1	12	12.0	0	12
2016 (Jr.)...	1	52	52.0	1	52	5	49	9.8	0	17

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	4	112	28.0	0	40	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	77	77.0	1	77
Stanford*	2	37	18.5	0	29	1	25	25.0	0	25
Utah*	1	100	100.0	1	100	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	62	20.7	0	22	3	16	5.3	0	14
Colorado*	1	38	38.0	0	38	4	50	12.5	0	47
Arizona*	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	3	1.5	0	5
California*	2	56	28.0	0	34	2	33	16.5	0	32
Oregon*	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	16	8.0	0	15
Washington*	3	59	19.7	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	2	46	23.0	0	27	1	16	16.0	0	16
Notre Dame*	4	161	40.3	1	97	3	66	22.0	1	55
2016 (Jr.)...	22	671	30.5	2	100	19	302	15.9	2	77

*Starter on defense only

(93) LIAM JIMMONS
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 280, Fr./Fr.
Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach HS)

2016: Jimmons, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a first-year freshman defensive tackle in 2016.

(76) CLAYTON JOHNSTON
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 285, Fr.*/So.,
Orange, CA (Servite HS)

2016: Johnston served as a backup offensive tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2016, appearing briefly there and on special teams in 3 games (Utah State, Stanford, Utah).

(1) JACK JONES
5-11, 170, Fr./Fr.
Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly HS)

2016: Jones was an often-used backup cornerback and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 12 tackles, a fumble recovery and a deflection on defense and he returned 3 kickoffs for 31 yards (10.3 avg) on special teams. He had 1 tackle against Alabama, Utah State and Arizona (with a deflection), then 3 stops versus California and Oregon, 2 tackles at Washington, 1 tackle at UCLA and a fumble recovery against Notre Dame. He had a kickoff return against Alabama (5 yards), Utah State (13 yards) and Utah (13 yards).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	12	0/0	1	1	3	31	10.3	0	13

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JACK JONES

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	1	0/0	0	0	1	5	5.0	0	5
Utah St.	1	0/0	0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13
Utah	0	0/0	0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13
Arizona	1	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	12	0/0	1	1	3	31	10.3	0	13

(25) RONALD JONES II
Tailback, 6-1, 195, So./So.
McKinney, TX (McKinney North HS)

CAREER: He has run for 2,014 yards on 310 carries (6.5 avg) with 19 TDs and caught 16 passes for 112 yards (7.0 avg) with 2 TDs in his career. He is 20th on USC's career rushing list with 2,014 yards. His 6.50 career yards per carry is third best among those on USC's Top 40 all-time rushing ladder. He has 5 100-yard rushing games in his career. He has 6 career starts.

2016: After making quite an impression with his record-breaking showing in 2015 as a rookie, the explosive Jones was even more impactful as a sophomore tailback in 2016. He also sprints for USC's track team. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games and starting the final 6, he ran for a team-best 1,027 yards on 157 carries (6.5 avg) with 11 TDs and had 9 caches for 73 yards (8.1 avg) with 1 TD. His 1,027 rushing yards in 2016 marks the 29th time a Trojan has eclipsed the 1,000-yard season rushing mark. He had 4 100-yard rushing games in 2016, all in the last 5 contests. He ran for a TD in each of the last 6 games and had 4 multi-TD games in 2016. He was 21st nationally in rushing yards per carry (6.5, second in Pac-12). He made the **2016 Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention and All-Pac-12 second team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team**. He won **USC's 2016 Jack Dakie "Rise and Shine" Award** (most electrifying run).

He had 46 yards on 7 carries and caught a 2-yard pass against Alabama. Against Utah State, he had 8 yards on 5 tries before being sidelined with bruised ribs. He rushed for 63 yards on 11 carries at Stanford, with a short scoring run. He had 15 yards on 8 rushes at Utah. He had 20 yards on 5 carries against Arizona State. He had 56 yards on 10 attempts (he also had a 9-yard reception) against Colorado. At Arizona, he got his first career start and ran for 77 yards on 16 ties (with a 5-yard TD) and he had a 7-yard reception. Against California, he ran for a career-high 223 yards on 18 carries (12.4 average) with a 37-yard TD (along with non-scoring bursts of 61 and 42 yards), the most rushing yards by a Trojan since Allen Bradford also had 223 against Washington in 2010 and the second most by a USC sophomore behind Shawn Walters' 234 in 1994 versus Stanford (he also had 2 catches for 18 yards, including a 16-yard score) to earn **Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention**. Against Oregon, he tied a USC game record by rushing for 4 touchdowns (23, 3, 66, 1 yards) to become the 14th Trojan to do so (most recently, LenDale White versus Arizona in 2005) while he gained a game-best 171 yards on a career-high 20 carries (8.6 yards per rush) and, combined with his 223 yards in the previous game, his 2-game rushing total of 394 yards was the most in consecutive games by a Trojan since Reggie Bush's 554 in 2005 versus Fresno State and UCLA (he also caught 2 passes for 26 yards) and thereby earning **Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention**. At Washington, he had a game-best 94 yards on a career-high 23 carries, with a 4-yard TD. He had a game-best 121 yards on 18 carries with 2 TDs (1 and 60 yards, with the second coming on third-and-1) and he caught a 5-yard pass at UCLA. He ran for 134 yards on 16 carries (8.4 average per rush), including a 51-yard TD, against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	153	987	6.5	8	74	7	39	5.6	1	15
2016 (So.)...	157	1027	6.5	11	66	9	73	8.1	1	16
CAREER.....	310	2014	6.5	19	74	16	112	7.0	2	16

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RONALD JONES II

2016

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	7	46	6.6	0	46	1	2	2.0	0	2
Utah St.	5	8	1.6	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	11	63	5.7	1	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	8	15	1.9	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	5	20	4.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	10	56	5.6	0	11	1	9	9.0	0	9
Arizona*	16	77	4.8	1	15	1	7	7.0	0	7
California*	18	223	12.4	1	61	2	18	9.0	1	16
Oregon*	20	171	8.6	4	66	2	26	13.0	0	16
Washington*	23	93	4.0	1	12	1	6	6.0	0	6
UCLA*	18	121	6.7	2	60	1	5	5.0	0	5
Notre Dame*	16	134	8.4	1	51	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	157	1027	6.5	11	66	9	73	8.1	1	16

*Starter

(23) VELUS JONES
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 185, Fr./Fr.
Saraland, AL (Saraland HS)

2016: Jones redshirted as a first-year freshman wide receiver in 2016.

(14) ISAIAH LANGLEY
Cornerback, 6-0, 170, So./So.
Hayward, Calif. (Foothill HS)

CAREER: He has 19 tackles and a deflection in his career.

2016: Langley was a backup cornerback and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2016. Overall while appearing in 11 games in 2016 (all but Alabama), he had 7 tackles. He had 1 tackle at Utah, 3 against Arizona State, 1 at Arizona and 2 versus Oregon. He missed the Alabama opener because of a team rules violation.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	12	0/0	1	0
2016 (So.)...	7	0/0	0	0
CAREER...	19	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAIAH LANGLEY

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	7	0/0	0	0

(50) TOA LOBENDAHN
Center, 6-3, 295, Jr./Jr.
La Habra, CA (La Habra HS)

CAREER: He has 21 career starts (8 at left guard, 5 at left tackle, 5 at right guard, 3 at center).

2016: The versatile Lobendahn re-assumed his starting job at center as a junior in 2016, but tore knee ligaments in the Alabama opener, had surgery and was sidelined for the season. He was limited in 2016 spring practice while recovering from 2015 knee surgery.

(23) JONATHAN LOCKETT
Cornerback, 5-11, 180, Jr./Jr.,
Bellflower, CA (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: He has 40 tackles (0.5 for a loss), 4 deflections and an interception in his career. He has 7 career starts.

2016: Lockett saw considerable playing time at cornerback as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 9 games (all but Oregon, Washington, UCLA) and starting 5 times (as a nickelback), he had 17 tackles (0.5 for a loss of 1 yard), 3 deflections and an interception. He had 2 tackles and a deflection at Utah, 5 tackles (0.5 for a loss), an interception and a deflection against Arizona State, 5 tackles and a deflection versus Colorado, 2 tackles at Arizona and 3 stops against California. He suffered a hip injury against California and was sidelined for the next 3 games (Oregon, Washington, UCLA). He had season-ending surgery on the hip prior to the Penn State game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	18	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	17	0.5/1	3	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	40	0.5/1	4	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JONATHAN LOCKETT

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah*	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0.5/1	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	17	0.5/1	3	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

*Starter

(37) MATT LOPES
Safety, 5-11, 195, Jr.*/Sr.
Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Palos Verdes HS)

CAREER: He has 22 tackles (1.5 for losses) in his career

2016: Lopes, a former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the fall of 2016, was a backup at safety and played on special teams as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 11 games (all but Stanford), he had 4 tackles (2 versus Alabama and 1 each against Utah State and Arizona State).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	4	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	14	1.5/1	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	4	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	22	1.5/1	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT LOPES

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama	2	0/0	0	0
Utah St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	4	0/0	0	0

(29) VAVAE MALEPEAI
Tailback, 6-0, 190, Fr./Fr.
Aiea, HI (Mililani HS)

2016: Malepeai redshirted as a first-year freshman tailback in 2016. He was sidelined for the first 6 games of 2016 after suffering a broken left shoulder blade in 2016 fall camp.

(51) DAMIEN MAMA
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 325, Jr./Jr.
Moreno Valley, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has 29 career starts.

2016: Mama returned as the starting left offensive guard as a junior in 2016, appearing in all 12 games (starting all but the Alabama opener). He also played on special teams. He made the **2016 All-Pac-12 second team**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(8) IMAN MARSHALL
Cornerback, 6-1, 200, So./So.
Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly HS)

CAREER: He has 116 tackles, including 3 for losses, plus 17 deflections and 5 interceptions in his career.

2016: Marshall, coming off a stellar rookie performance in 2016, returned as a starting cornerback as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had 49 tackles, including 3 for losses of 5 yards, 8 deflections and 2 interceptions. He made **2016 Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention and All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

He had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and an interception against Alabama, 3 tackles against Utah State, 6 tackles (1 for a loss) at Stanford, 5 tackles and a deflection at Utah and 4 tackles against Arizona State. He had 9 tackles and 3 deflections against Colorado, 2 tackles (including 1 for a loss) and an interception at Arizona, 4 tackles and a deflection against California, 5 stops and a deflection against Oregon, 2 tackles at Washington and a deflection at UCLA. Against Notre Dame, he had 6 tackles and a deflection.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	67	0/0	9	0	3	15	5.0	0	8
2016 (So.)...	49	3/5	8	0	2	12	6.0	0	12
CAREER.....	116	3/5	17	0	5	27	5.2	0	12

GAME-BY-GAME WITH IMAN MARSHALL

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	3	1/1	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	6	1/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	9	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	1/1	0	0	1	12	12.0	0	12
California*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	49	3/5	8	0	2	12	6.0	0	12

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(65) FRANK MARTIN II
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 310, Fr./Fr.
West Covina, CA (Mater Dei HS)

2016: Martin redshirted as a first-year freshman offensive guard and tackle in 2016.

(48) TAYLOR McNAMARA
Tight End, 6-5, 245, Sr.*/Sr.
San Diego, CA (Westview HS/Oklahoma)

CAREER: In his 5-year college career at Oklahoma and USC, he has 25 receptions for 198 yards (7.9 avg) with 5 TDs and a 10-yard kickoff return while starting 15 games. At USC while starting 14 times, he has 24 catches for 194 yards (8.1 avg) with 5 TDs, plus the 10-yard kickoff return.

2016: The steady McNamara returned as the starting tight end as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 11 games (all but Colorado) and starting 10 times (all but Colorado and Arizona), he had 12 catches for 111 yards (9.2 avg) with 1 TD. He missed the Colorado game with a back injury.

He had 2 catches for 10 yards against Alabama, then a 21-yard reception at Utah and a 5-yard catch against Arizona State. He had 4 catches for 47 yards (both career highs), with a 7-yard TD, against Oregon, then a 2-yard reception at Washington and an 8-yard grab at UCLA. He had 2 catches for 18 yards against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)#...	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)##...	12	83	6.9	4	16	1	10	10.0	0	10
2016 (Sr.)##...	12	111	9.2	1	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
USC TOTAL...	24	194	8.1	5	27	1	10	10.0	0	10
COMBINED...	25	198	7.9	5	27	1	10	10.0	0	10

#At Oklahoma
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TAYLOR McNAMARA

2016##

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	2	10	5.0	0	6
Utah*	1	21	21.0	0	21
Arizona St.*	1	5	5.0	0	5
Oregon*	4	47	11.8	1	27
Washington*	1	2	2.0	0	2
UCLA*	1	8	8.0	0	8
Notre Dame*	2	18	9.0	0	11
2016 (Sr.)##...	12	111	9.2	1	27

*Starter
##At USC

(22) LEON McQUAY III
Safety, 6-1, 195, Sr./Sr.
Seffner, FL (Armwood HS)

CAREER: He has 116 tackles (6 for a loss, with a sack), 15 deflections, 3 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 4 interceptions in his career. He has 23 career starts.

2016: The veteran McQuay started at safety or nickelback as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016, appeared in all 12 games and started 11 times (all but Alabama), including 8 times at strong safety and 3 times (Utah State, Stanford, Oregon) at nickelback. He had 43 tackles, including 4 for losses of 19 yards (with a 12-yard sack), 4 deflections and an interception in 2016. He made **2016 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's 2016 Trojan Commitment Award**.

He had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection against Alabama, 4 tackles and an interception versus Utah State, 3 tackles at both Stanford and Utah, 2 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Colorado, 2 tackles (with a sack) at Arizona, 8 tackles (1 for a loss) versus California, 2 tackles against Oregon, 5 tackles and a deflection at Washington, 4 tackles and a deflection at UCLA and 3 tackles against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	4	0	1	2	2.0	0	2
2014 (So.)...	36	0.5/1	4	1	2	22	11.0	0	22
2015 (Jr.)...	18	1.5/3	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	43	4/19	4	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	116	6/23	15	2	4	24	6.0	0	22

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LEON McQUAY III

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	3	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	4	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	4	1/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	1/12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	1/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	43	4/19	4	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

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(7) STEVEN MITCHELL JR.
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 190, Jr.*/Sr.
Pasadena, CA (Bishop Alemany HS)

CAREER: He has 68 receptions for 643 yards (9.5 avg) with 7 TDs in his career, plus 5 kickoff returns for 91 yards (18.2 avg), 2 punt returns for 2 yards (1.0 avg) and 2 carries for minus 3 yards (minus 1.5 avg). He has 11 career starts.

2016: The fleet Mitchell was making a vital contribution at wide receiver as a junior in 2016 before a mid-season knee injury ended his season. Overall in 2016 while appearing in USC's first 7 games and starting 3 times (Alabama, Arizona State, Colorado), he had 24 catches for 226 yards (9.4 avg) with 1 TD, 5 kickoff returns for 91 yards (18.2 avg), a 1-yard punt return and 2 carries for minus 3 yards (minus 1.5 avg).

He had 4 receptions for 22 yards against Alabama, 5 grabs for 5 yards (with a short TD) versus Utah State, 5 catches for 55 yards at Stanford, 2 grabs for 45 yards along with 3 kickoff returns for 58 yards at Utah, 2 catches for 17 yards, returned a kickoff 32 yards and had 2 carries for minus 3 yards against Arizona State, 6 catches for 63 yards against Colorado, a 19-yard catch, a 1-yard kickoff return and a 1-yard punt return before suffering a season-ending knee injury at Arizona.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	7	82	11.7	2	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	37	335	9.1	4	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	24	226	9.4	1	23	2	-3	-1.5	0	2
CAREER.....	68	643	9.5	7	28	2	-3	-1.5	0	2

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (So.)...	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
2016 (Jr.)...	5	91	18.2	0	32	1	1	1.0	0	1
CAREER.....	5	91	18.2	0	32	2	2	1.0	0	1

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH STEVEN MITCHELL JR.

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	4	22	5.5	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.	4	5	1.3	1	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	5	55	11.0	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	2	45	24.5	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	17	8.5	0	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	63	10.5	0	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	1	19	19.0	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	24	226	9.4	1	23	2	-3	-1.5	0	2

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	3	58	19.3	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	32	32.0	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	1	1	1.0	0	1	1	1	1.0	0	1
2016 (Jr.)...	5	91	18.2	0	32	1	1	1.0	0	1

*Starter

(90) CONNOR MURPHY
Defensive End, 6-7, 255, Fr./Fr.
Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)

2016: Murphy was a backup defensive outside linebacker and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 6 tackles and a fumble recovery. He had 1 tackle versus Utah State and Arizona State and 2 stops against Arizona (with the fumble recovery) and Notre Dame. He won **USC's 2016 Defensive Service Team Player of the Year Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CONNOR MURPHY

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Utah St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	1
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	1

(42) UCHENNA NWOSU
Defensive End, 6-3, 235, Jr./Jr.
Carson, CA (Narbonne HS)

CAREER: He has 90 tackles (9 for a loss, with 3 sacks), 6 deflections and a forced fumble in his career. He has 1 career start.

2016: Nwosu started all season at defensive end as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had 50 tackles, including 7.5 for losses of 39 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 18 yards), plus 5 deflections and a forced fumble. He won **USC's 2016 John McKay Award** (underclassman with the most competitive spirit).

He had a tackle against Alabama, 4 tackles and 2 deflections versus Utah State, 4 tackles at Stanford and 5 tackles (including 1.5 for losses) at Utah. He had 3 tackles (with a sack) against Arizona State, then a game-high and career-best 10 tackles (with a sack), plus 2 deflections, against Colorado. He had 7 tackles and forced a fumble against Califorina, 5 tackles (2.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack) against Oregon, 3 tackles (1 for a loss) versus Washington, 1 tackle at UCLA and 7 tackles (0.5 sack) versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	31	1.5/2	1	0
2016 (Jr.)...	50	7.5/39	5	0
CAREER.....	90	9/41	6	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH UCHENNA NWOSU

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	1	0/0	0	0
Utah St.*	4	0/0	2	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah*	5	1.5/6	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	1/7	0	0
Colorado*	10	1/2	2	0
California*	7	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	5	2.5/9	0	0
Washington*	3	1/8	0	0
UCLA*	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	7	0.5/7	1	0
2016 (Jr.)...	50	7.5/39	5	0

*Starter

(47) REUBEN PETERS
Fullback, 6-0, 225, So.*/Jr.
Westchester, CA (Loyola HS)

2016: Peters, a former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the fall of 2016, saw action as a fullback and on special teams as a sophomore in 2016 (he was converted from inside linebacker in the fall of 2016). Overall in 2016, he appeared in all 12 games, but did not carry the ball or make a tackle. **USC's 2016 Lifters Award Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Jr.)...	6	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3

(82) TYLER PETITE
Tight End, 6-5, 235, So./So.,
Lafayette, CA (Campolindo HS)

CAREER: He has 25 catches for 301 yards (12.0 avg) with TDs in his career. He has 3 career starts.

2016: Petite saw significant action at tight end as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games (starting twice, versus Utah State and Arizona), he had 10 catches for 156 yards (10.6 avg) with 2 TDs. He had a 5-yard grab against Alabama, an 8-yard reception against Utah State, 3 receptions for 73 yards at Stanford a 22-yard catch at Utah and a 27-yard catch against Arizona State. Both of his catches against Colorado were touchdowns (11 yards and then a 7-yarder midway through the fourth quarter for USC's decisive TD). He added a 3-yard catch against Oregon.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	15	145	9.7	1	25
2016 (So.)...	10	156	15.6	2	38
CAREER.....	25	301	12.0	3	38

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TYLER PETITE

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	1	5	5.0	0	5
Utah St.*	1	8	8.0	0	8
Stanford	3	73	24.3	0	38
Utah	1	22	22.0	0	22
Arizona St.	1	27	27.0	0	27
Colorado	2	18	9.0	2	11
Oregon	1	3	3.0	0	3
2016 (So.)...	10	156	15.6	2	38

*Starter

(6) MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 210, Fr./Fr.
Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian HS)

2016: Pittman, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw key action at wide receiver and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 6 catches for 82 yards (13.7 avg) on offense and had 2 punt returns for 63 yards (31.5 avg), 2 kickoff returns for 13 yards (6.5 avg), 6 tackles, a blocked punt and a forced fumble on special teams.

He had a blocked punt that he returned 35 yards against Utah State, a tackle at Utah, 2 catches for 21 yards against Arizona State, 2 kickoff returns for 13 yards and a tackle against California, 4 catches for 61 yards and a 28-yard punt return against Oregon, a tackle at Washington, a tackle and forced fumble at UCLA and 2 tackles against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	6	82	13.7	0	21	6	0/0	1#	0

#Includes 1 blocked punt

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (Fr.)...	2	63	31.5	0	35	2	13	6.5	0	12

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Utah St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0/0	1#	0
Utah	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Ariz. St.	2	21	10.5	0	11	0	0/0	0	0
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	4	61	15.3	0	21	0	0/0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	6	82	13.7	0	21	6	0/0	1#	0

#Includes 1 blocked punt

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	1	35	35.0	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	13	6.5	0	12
Oregon	1	28	28.0	0	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Fr.)...	2	63	31.5	0	35	2	13	6.5	0	12

(24) JOHN PLATTENBURG
Safety, 5-11, 180, Jr./Jr.,
Houston, TX (Lamar HS)

CAREER: He has 69 tackles (4.5 for losses), 4 deflections and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2016: Once he became healthy in 2017, Plattenburg was a backup safety and played on special teams as a junior. Overall in 2016 while seeing action in 5 games (Arizona, California, Oregon, UCLA, Notre Dame), he made 3 tackles. He suffered a concussion in 2016 fall camp and was sidelined USC's first 4 games and then missed the next 2 contests while working to get back into the playing rotation. He had 1 tackle against California and 2 versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/4	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	34	3.5/21	0	0	2	22	11.0	0	22
2016 (Jr.)...	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	69	4.5/25	4	0	2	22	11.0	0	22

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOHN PLATTENBURG

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
California	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	3	0/0	0	0

(28) C.J. POLLARD
Safety, 6-1, 185, Fr./Fr.
Carson, CA (Serra HS)

2016: Pollard, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a first-year freshman safety in 2016.

(18) QUINTON POWELL
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 200, Sr./Sr.
Deltona, FL (Mainland HS)

CAREER: He has 58 tackles (6 for losses, with 3 sacks), 1 deflection and ran 9 yards with a blocked punt in his career.

2016: Powell, who moved from outside linebacker to inside linebacker in the spring of 2016, saw significant backup action as a senior and played on special teams in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 13 tackles, including 2 for losses of 7 yards (with a 6-yad sack) and he returned a blocked punt 9 yards. Against Utah State, he returned a blocked punt 9 yards. He had a tackle at Utah, 2 stops against Arizona State and Arizona, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) versus California, 2 tackles (with a sack) and a deflection against Oregon and 1 stop at Washington and UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	20	2/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	13	2/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	13	2/7	1	0	0	9	0.0	0	9
CAREER.....	58	6/18	1	0	0	9	0.0	0	9

GAME-BY-GAME WITH QUINTON POWELL

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Utah St.	0	0/0	0	0	0	9	0.0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	4	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	2	1/6	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	13	2/7	1	0	0	9	0.0	0	9

(89) CHRISTIAN RECTOR
Defensive End, 6-5, 275, Fr.*/So.
South Pasadena, CA (Loyola HS)

2016: Rector got into the playing rotation at defensive end and played on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 11 games (all but Utah), he had 5 tackles and a deflection. He had 1 tackle against Arizona State and Colorado, 2 stops at Arizona, a tackle against Orgon and a deflection at UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRISTIAN RECTOR

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	0	0/0	1	0
2016 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	1	0

(62) KHALIEL RODGERS
Center, 6-3, 315, Jr.*/Sr.
New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)

CAREER: He has 9 career starts (6 at center, 3 at offensive guard).

2016: The experienced Rodgers, who started the last half of 2015 at center, saw limited action as a backup in 4 games (Alabama, Arizona, Oregon, UCLA) as a junior in 2016. He was moved to defensive tackle in the fall of 2016 to bolster the corps, but soon after the season began he was back playing center on offense. He strained his hamstring against Alabama and was sidelined for the Utah State game. He was limited in 2016 spring practice while recovering from 2015 post-season shoulder surgery.

(1) DARREUS ROGERS
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 215, Sr./Sr.
Compton, CA (Carson HS)

CAREER: He has 122 catches for 1,445 yards (11.8 avg) with 10 TDs in his career, plus 2 punt returns for 10 yards (5.0 avg), an 11-yard kickoff return, 2 carries for 6 yards (3.0 avg) and 3 tackles. He is 19th on USC's career receptions list (122). He has 26 career starts.

2016: The sure-handed Rogers returned as a starting wide receiver as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had 51 catches (second on USC) for 654 yards (12.8 avg) with 3 TDs, plus he made a tackle. He made **2016 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's 2016 Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award**.

He had 2 receptions for 45 yards against Alabama, then 7 receptions for 82 yards (both career highs) against Utah State, 4 grabs for 26 yards at Stanford, 5 catches for 58 yards at Utah and a 28-yard catch against Arizona State. He had 4 receptions for 76 yards against Colorado, including a 46-yard grab in which he stole the ball out of the defenders hands on a fourth quarter drive that set up USC's decisive TD. He had 5 catches for 42 yards at Arizona, 6 catches for a career-best 97 yards with 2 TDs (3 and 20 yards) versus California, 4 receptions for 33 yards against Oregon and 6 catches for 84 yards (both team highs), with a 13-yard TD, at Washington. He had 3 catches for 34 yards and a tackle at UCLA, then 4 grabs for 49 yards against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	22	257	11.7	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	21	245	11.7	4	48	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (Jr.)...	28	289	10.3	3	27	1	1	1.0	0	1
2016 (Sr.)...	51	654	12.8	3	46	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	122	1445	11.8	10	48	2	6	3.0	0	5

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11
CAREER.....	2	10	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	3	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DARREUS ROGERS

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	2	45	22.5	0	36
Utah St.*	7	82	11.7	0	21
Stanford*	4	26	6.5	0	11
Utah*	5	58	11.6	0	16
Arizona St.*	1	28	28.0	0	28
Colorado*	4	76	19.0	0	46
Arizona*	5	42	8.4	0	17
California*	6	97	16.2	2	36
Oregon*	4	33	8.3	0	14
Washington*	6	84	14.0	1	27
UCLA*	3	34	11.3	0	15
Notre Dame*	4	49	12.3	0	21
2016 (Sr.)...	51	654	12.8	3	46

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(30) YKILI ROSS
Safety, 6-0, 200, Fr.*/So.
Riverside, CA (Riverside Poly HS)

2016: Ross was a backup safety and played on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 10 games (all but Colorado and UCLA), he had 2 tackles and a deflection. He had a tackle at Stanford and a tackle and deflection at Arizona. He was limited in 2016 spring practice while recovering from 2015 post-season shoulder surgery.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH YKILI ROSS

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	1	0
2016 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	1	0

(53) KEVIN SCOTT
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 300, Fr.*/So.
Duarte, CA (Salesian HS)

2016: Scott did not see any action as a reserve redshirt freshman defensive end in 2016.

(81) TREVON SIDNEY
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 170, Fr./Fr.
Covina, CA (Bishop Amat HS)

2016: Sidney redshirted as a first-year freshman wide receiver in 2016.

(68) JORDAN SIMMONS
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 325, Sr.*/Sr.
Inglewood, CA (Crespi HS)

CAREER: He has 2 career starts.
2016: Simmons served as a backup offensive guard and played on special teams as a senior in 2016. He appeared in all 12 games in 2016 and even moved to right tackle to start twice (Arizona State and Colorado).

(35) CAMERON SMITH
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 245, So./So.
Roseville, CA (Granite Bay HS)

CAREER: He has 157 tackles, including 8 for losses (with 2 sacks), plus 7 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries and 3 interceptions (with a TD) in his career. He has 21 career starts.
2016: The precocious Smith, coming off an eye-opening first-year performance, returned as a starting inside linebacker as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had a team-best 79 tackles, including 7 for losses of 24 yards (with a 6-yard sack), plus 4 deflections, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble and he returned an onside kick 7 yards. He made the **2016 Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American first team, All-Pac-12 second team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team**. He won **USC's 2016 Trojan Way Leadership Award**. He was limited in 2016 spring practice while recovering from 2015 knee surgery, as well as rehabbing a shoulder sprain.

He had a game-best 9 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with a sack), and a fumble recovery against Alabama, a team-high 13 tackles (1 for a loss) against Utah State and 6 tackles at Stanford. He had a game-high and career-best 15 tackles (1 for a loss), along with a forced fumble (that USC recovered) and a deflection at Utah, 2 tackles against Arizona State, 4 tackles (with 1 sack) against Colorado, a tackle for a loss at Arizona and 5 tackles (2 for a loss) against California. He led USC with 8 tackles against Oregon and he also had 2 deflections, then had 3 tackles, a deflection and returned an onside kick 7 yards at Washington, 3 tackles at UCLA and a game-high 10 tackles (with 1 for a loss) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	78	1/9	3	1	3	122	40.7	1	54
2016 (So.)...	79	7/24	4	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	157	8/33	7	2	3	122	40.7	1	54

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (So.)...	1	7	7.0	0	7

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CAMERON SMITH

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	9	0/0	0	1
Utah St.*	13	1/2	0	0
Stanford*	6	0/0	0	0
Utah*	15	1/3	0	1
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	4	1/6	0	0
Arizona*	1	1/2	0	0
California*	5	2/4	0	0
Oregon*	8	0/0	0	2
Washington*	3	0/0	0	1
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	10	1/7	0	0
2016 (So.)...	79	7/24	4	1

*Starter

(66) COLE SMITH
Center, 6-4, 280, Fr.*/So.
Mission Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

2016: Smith saw limited action in 3 games (Utah State, Arizona State, Notre Dame) as a redshirt freshman backup center in 2016. He missed the UCLA game with a concussion.

(78) NATHAN SMITH
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 275, Fr./Fr.
Murrieta, CA (Murrieta Mesa HS)

2016: Smith, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a first-year freshman offensive tackle in 2016. He tore ligaments in his knee prior to the Penn State game and had season-ending surgery.

(92) ZACH SMITH
Snapper, 6-1, 220, Sr./Sr.
Redwood City, CA (Menlo School)

CAREER: He has 3 tackles in his career.
2016: Smith, a senior in 2016, started for his fourth year as USC's snapper on punts and placekicks, a role he has performed without a flaw. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 1 tackle (versus Notre Dame).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (So.)...	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	3	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ZACH SMITH

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(9) JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 220, Jr./Jr.
Long Beach, CA (Poly HS)

CAREER: He has 206 catches for 2,959 yards (14.4 avg) with 24 TDs in his career, along with 16 kickoff returns for 185 yards (11.6 avg), 7 carries for 32 yards (4.6 avg) and 8 tackles. His 206 career catches is fifth on USC's all-time list. He has 11 100-yard receiving games in his career (6 times in 2015, including the first 3 games). He has a reception in all 39 games in which he has played at USC. He has 38 career starts.

2016: Smith-Schuster, the latest in a long line of stellar USC wide receivers, returned for his third year as a starting wide receiver as a junior in 2016 and had another outstanding year. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had a team-high 63 receptions for 781 yards (12.4 avg) with 9 TDs, plus he had 4 carries for 25 yards (6.2 avg), a 2-yard kickoff return and 2 tackles. His 63 receptions in 2016 is 22nd on USC's season chart. He was **among 5 finalists for the 2016 Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award**. He made the **2016 Football Coaches All-American second team, All-Pac-12 second team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team**. He won **USC's 2016 Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award**.

He had a 9-yard catch against Alabama. He had a pair of touchdowns (3 and 15 yards) among his 7 catches for 56 yards against Utah State. He caught 3 passes for 34 yards at Stanford. He had a game-best 8 receptions for 98 yards at Utah. He had 7 receptions for 123 yards against Arizona State with a career-tying best 3 TD grabs, including a 67-yarder in which he took a hitch pass and raced against the grain, to earn **Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week** honors. He had 5 catches for 113 yards against Colorado, including a 25-yarder late in the game in which he had a clear path to the end zone but instead fell to the ground to enable USC to run out the clock in the victory, and he had 2 tackles. He had 9 catches for 132 yards at Arizona, including 3 TDs (3, 39 and 46 yards). He had 6 catches for 66 yards against California, along with 2 rushes for 25 yards. He had 2 catches for 10 yards against Oregon. He had 3 catches for 41 yards at Washington and also had a rush for minus 4 yards. He had 8 catches for 76 yards at UCLA, both game bests, and he added a 4-yard rush. He had 4 catches for 23 yards (with a 2-yard TD) against Notre Dame and also returned a kickoff 2 yards.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	54	724	13.4	5	53	2	3	1.5	0	2
2015 (So.)...	89	1454	16.3	10	75	1	4	4.0	0	4
2016 (Jr.)...	63	781	12.4	9	67	4	25	6.2	0	20
CAREER.....	206	2959	14.4	24	75	7	32	4.6	0	20

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	11	132	12.0	0	22	5	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	4	51	12.8	0	27	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	1	2	2.0	0	2	2	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	16	185	11.6	0	27	8	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER

2016

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	1	9	9.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	7	56	8.0	2	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	3	34	11.3	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	8	98	12.3	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	7	123	17.6	3	67	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	5	113	22.6	0	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	9	132	14.7	3	46	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	6	66	11.0	0	17	2	25	12.5	0	20
Oregon*	2	10	5.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	3	41	13.7	0	18	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4
UCLA*	8	76	9.5	0	28	1	4	4.0	0	4
Notre Dame*	4	23	5.8	1	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	63	781	12.4	9	67	4	25	6.2	0	20

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Notre Dame*	1	2	2.0	0	2
2016 (Jr.)...	1	2	2.0	0	2

*Starter

(60) VIANE TALAMAIVAO
Offensive Guard, 6-2, 315, Jr./Jr.
Moreno Valley, CA (Centennial HS)

CAREER: He has 31 career starts.

2016: The experienced Talamaivao returned for his third season as a starter at right offensive guard as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016, he started all 12 games and made 1 tackle (against California).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (Jr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(7) MARVELL TELL III
Safety, 6-3, 190, So./So.
Pasadena, CA (Crespi HS)

CAREER: He has 77 tackles, including 3 for losses, 6 deflections and an interception in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2016: Tell started at free safety as a sophomore in 2016 and was steady. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he had 41 tackles, including 2 for losses of 7 yards, 2 deflections and an interception.

He had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against both Alabama and Utah State, 5 tackles at Stanford, 6 tackles at Utah, 3 tackles against Arizona State, 2 tackles against Colorado and Arizona, 8 tackles, an interception and a deflection versus California, 2 tackles and a deflection against Oregon, 1 tackle at Washington, 4 tackles at UCLA and 2 tackles versus Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	36	1/2	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	41	2/7	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	77	3/9	6	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MARVELL TELL III

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama*	3	1/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	3	1/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	0/0	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	41	2/7	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

*Starter

(36) CHRIS TILBEY
Punter, 6-5, 205, So.*/Jr.
Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham HS/San Francisco CC)

2016: Tilbey, who has a background in Australian Rules Football, was USC's punter as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while starting all 12 games, he averaged 37.8 yards on 46 punts. Of his 46 punts in 2016, 18 pinned opponents within the 20-yard line, 17 were fair caught and just 7 were returned (for 32 yards).

Against Alabama, he averaged 40.3 yards on 10 punts, including a 52-yarder, and had 4 pin the Crimson Tide within the 20. Against Utah State, he averaged 41.5 yards on 2 punts. At Stanford, he averaged 36.8 yards on his 5 punts (none were returned and 2 pinned the Cardinal within the 20). At Utah, his only punt pinned the Utes within the 20. Against Arizona State, he averaged 36.3 yards on his 3 punts (1 pinned ASU within the 20). Against Colorado, he averaged 39.3 yards on his 3 punts, with a pair pinning the Buffaloes within the 20 and the other fair caught. At Arizona, he haveraged 36.2 yards on his 4 punts (with 1 pinning the Wildcats within the 20). Against Californnia, he averaged 37.5 yards on

his 2 punts (with 1 pinning the Golden Bears within the 20). Against Oregon, he averaged 39.8 yards on his 4 punts (with 1 pinning the Ducks within the 20). At Washington, he averaged 31.8 yards on his 4 punts (with 1 pinning the Huskies within the 20). At UCLA, he averaged 38.0 on his 2 punts (both pinned the Bruins within the 20). Against Notre Dame, he averaged 38.5 yards on his 6 punts (2 pinned the Irish within the 20).

	P	YDS	AVG	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2016 (So.)...	46	1740	37.8	53	1	-17	-17.0	0	-17

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRIS TILBEY

2016

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
Alabama*	10	403	40.3	52
Utah St.*	2	83	41.5	42
Stanford*	5	184	36.8	49
Utah*	1	30	30.0	30
Arizona St.*	3	109	36.3	43
Colorado*	3	118	39.3	44
Arizona*	4	145	36.2	38
California*	2	75	37.5	38
Oregon*	4	159	39.8	53
Washington*	4	127	31.8	35
UCLA*	2	76	38.0	39
Notre Dame*	6	231	38.5	44
2016 (So.)...	46	1740	37.8	53

	P	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
Alabama*	10	4	1
Utah St.*	2	0	0
Stanford*	5	2	0
Utah*	1	1	0
Arizona St.*	3	1	0
Colorado*	3	2	0
Arizona*	4	1	0
California*	2	1	0
Oregon*	4	1	1
Washington*	4	1	0
UCLA*	2	2	0
Notre Dame*	6	2	0
2016 (Sr.)...	46	18	2

*Starter

(26) JAMES TOLAND IV
Tailback, 5-11, 195, Jr.*/Sr.
Indio, CA (Shadow Hills HS)

CAREER: He has run for 194 yards on 45 carries (4.3 avg) and made 9 tackles in his career.

2016: Toland, a former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the fall of 2016, served as a reserve tailback and played on special teams as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 9 games (all but Utah State, Stanford, Utah), he ran for 69 yards on 13 carries (5.3 avg) and made 2 tackles. He gained 49 yards on 8 rushes against Oregon and 20 yards on 5 carries at UCLA and he had a tackle against both Arizona State and UCLA.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	29	102	3.5	0	16	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	3	23	7.7	0	17	6	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	13	69	5.3	0	10	2	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	45	194	4.3	0	17	9	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAMES TOLAND IV

2016

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	8	49	6.1	0	10	0	0/0	0	0
UCLA	5	20	4.0	0	10	1	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	13	69	5.3	0	10	2	0/0	0	0

(34) OLAJUWON TUCKER
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 230, Jr./Jr.
Harbor City, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: He has 52 tackles (3.5 for losses, with 2.5 sacks) in his career. He has 3 career starts.

2016: Tucker served as a backup at inside and outside linebacker and he played on special teams as a junior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he made 9 tackles. He had 1 tackle against both Alabama and Stanford, then 4 stops versus Arizona State, 1 tackle against Colorado and 2 tackles against Oregon.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	40	3.5/22	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	9	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	52	3.5/22	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH OLAJUWON TUCKER

2016

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	4	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
2016 (Jr.)...	9	0/0	0	0

(96) STEVIE TU'IKOLOVATU
Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 320, Sr.*/Sr.
Salt Lake City, UT (East HS/Utah)

CAREER: In his 3-year career at Utah and USC, he has a combined 81 tackles, including 9 for losses (with 2.5 sacks), 3 deflections and 4 fumble recoveries. Of that, 36 tackles (7 for losses, with 0.5 sack), 2 deflections and 4 fumble recoveries came at Utah.

2016: Tu'ikolovatu, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2016 after receiving his bachelor's degree from Utah (allowing him to be eligible to play in 2016), started at defensive tackle as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 11 times (all but Arizona), he had 45 tackles, including 2 for losses of 9 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 6 yards), and 1 deflection. He made the **2016 All-Pac-12 second team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team**. He won **USC's 2016 Defensive Lineman of the Year Award**. He was awarded a scholarship at USC by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

He had 2 tackles against against Alabama, 3 tackles against Utah State, 4 tackles at Stanford, 9 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Utah where he previously played, 2 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State, 3 tackles against Colorado and at Arizona, 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) against California, 4 tackles (0.5 for loss) versus Oregon, 2 tackles at Washington and UCLA and 5 tackles (0.5 sack) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (So.)#...	8	1/1	0	0
2015 (Jr.)#...	28	6/19	2	4
2016 (Sr.)##...	45	2/9	1	0
UTAH TOTAL	36	7/20	2	4
COMBINED...	81	9/29	3	4

#At Utah
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH STEVIE TU'IKOLOVATU

2016##

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Alabama*	2	0/0	0	0
Utah St.*	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah*	9	0.5/1	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	1	0
Colorado*	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona	3	0/0	0	0
California*	6	0.5/1	0	0
Oregon*	4	0.5/1	0	0
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	0.5/6	0	0
2016 (Sr.)##...	45	2/9	1	0

##At USC

(21) TYLER VAUGHNS
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 180, Fr./Fr.
Covina, CA (Bishop Amat HS)

2016: Vaughns redshirted as a first-year wide receiver in 2016.

(28) ACA'CEDRIC WARE
Tailback, 6-0, 195, So./So.
DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill HS)

CAREER: He has run for 433 yards on 90 carries (4.8a vg) with 3 TDs, caught 3 passes for 9 yards (3.0 avg) and made a tackle in his career

2016: Ware saw key playing time at tailback and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2016. Overall in 2016 while appearing in 10 games (all but Oregon and Washington), he ran for 397 yards on 78 carries (5.1 avg) with 2 TDs, caught 3 passes for 9 yards (3.0 avg) and made a tackle. He missed the Oregon and Washington games with a sprained ankle.

He ran for 22 yards on 6 tries against Alabama, 57 yards on 11 carries (with a short TD) along with a 2-yard catch and a tackle against Utah State, 20 yards on 5 carries along with a 6-yard catch at Utah, 9 yards on 8 tries against Arizona State and 25 yards on 8 rushes against Colorado. He had a game-high and career-best 103 yards on 12 carries (with a 21-yard TD) at Arizona, then had a personal best for the second straight game as he had 130 yards on 20 carries against California. He had 23 yards on 6 carries and he had a 1-yard reception at UCLA, then he gained 8 yards on 2 rushes against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	12	36	3.0	1	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	78	397	5.1	2	37	3	9	3.0	0	6
CAREER.....	90	433	4.8	3	37	3	9	3.0	0	6

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2016 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ACA'CEDRIC WARE

2016

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Alabama	6	22	3.7	0	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.	11	57	5.2	1	17	1	2	2.0	0	2
Utah	5	20	4.0	0	9	1	6	6.0	0	6
Arizona St.	8	9	1.1	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	8	25	3.1	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	12	103	8.6	1	37	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	20	130	6.5	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	6	23	3.8	0	8	1	1	1.0	0	1
Notre Dame	2	8	4.0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016 (So.)...	78	397	5.1	2	37	3	9	3.0	0	6

(72) CHAD WHEELER
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 310, Sr.*/Sr.
Santa Monica, CA (Santa Monica HS)

CAREER: He has 44 career starts.

2016: Wheeler, USC's most experienced offensive lineman, started for his fourth season at left tackle as a senior in 2016. Overall in 2016, he played in all 12 games and started 10 times (all but Alabama and Utah State). He didn't start USC's first 2 games while recovering from a foot injury suffered in 2016 fall camp, but he did play in those games. He made the **2016 Campus Insiders All-American first team, All-Pac-12 first team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's 2016 Offensive Lineman of the Year Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	0	0/0	1#	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

(15) ISAAC WHITNEY
Wide Receiver, 6-3, 220, Sr.*/Sr.
Oklahoma City, OK (Southmoore HS/Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)

CAREER: In his 3-year college career at Central Oklahoma and USC, he has 22 catches for 244 yards (11.1 avg) with 2 TDs, plus a tackle and a fumble recovery.

2016: Whitney was in the playing rotation at wide receiver and played on special teams as a senior in 2016. He also sprints for USC's track team. Overall in 2016 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 3 catches for 32 yards (10.5 avg). He had a 7-yard reception at Arizona, a 17-yard catch at UCLA and an 8-yard grab against UCLA.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)#...	11	100	9.1	0	19	1	0/0	0	1
2015 (Jr.)##...	8	112	14.0	2	31	0	0/0	0	0
2016 (Sr.)##...	3	32	10.7	0	17	0	0/0	0	0
USC TOTAL...	11	144	13.1	2	31	0	0/0	0	0
COMBINED	22	244	11.1	2	31	1	0/0	0	1

#At Central Oklahoma
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAAC WHITNEY

2016##

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arizona	1	7	7.0	0	7
UCLA	1	17	17.0	0	17
Notre Dame	1	8	8.0	0	8
2016 (Sr.)##...	3	32	10.7	0	17

(17) KEYSHAWN "PIE" YOUNG
Cornerback, 5-11, 175, Fr./Fr.
Miami, FL (Miami Senior HS)

2016: He redshirted as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2016. He missed the UCLA and Notre Dame games with a concussion.

2016 USC FOOTBALL ALL-STAR HONORS

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**
Thorpe Award winner
Hornung Award finalist
Lott IMPACT Trophy finalist
AP All-American first team (cornerback)
Campus Insiders All-American first team (all-purpose player)
CBS Sports All-American first team (cornerback and punt returner)
CollegeSportsMadness All-American first team (defensive back)
ESPN All-American first team (all-purpose player)
Football Coaches All-American first team (all-purpose player)
Football Writers All-American first team (punt returner)
Phil Steele All-American first team (punt returner)
Sporting News All-American first team (cornerback)
Sports Illustrated All-American first team (all-purpose player)
Walter Camp All-American first team (defensive back)
CBS Sports All-American second team (all-purpose player and kick returner)
Phil Steele All-American second team (all-purpose player)
Sports Illustrated All-American second team (returner)
USA Today All-American second team (returner)
Walter Camp All-American second team (kick returner)
CollegeSportsMadness All-American third team (kick returner and punt returner)
Phil Steele All-American third team (defensive back and kick returner)
Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year
All-Pac-12 first team (defensive back and return specialist)
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team (defensive back, kick returner and punt returner)
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Utah State)
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Colorado)
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Washington)
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Washington)
Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Washington)
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week (vs. Washington)
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Notre Dame)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Notre Dame)
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week (vs. Notre Dame)
Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Notre Dame)
USC MVP
USC Special Teams Player of the Year
USC Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year
USC Player of the Game Vs. Notre Dame
USC captain

TE **Cary Angeline**
USC Offensive Service Team Player of the Year

OT **Zach Banner**
Senior CLASS Award finalist
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team
USC Offensive Lineman of the Year
USC Community Service Award
USC captain

OLB **Oluwole Betiku**
USC Defensive Service Team Player of the Year

QB **Max Browne**
USC Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award
USC captain

QB **Sam Darnold**
Manning Award finalist
O'Brien Award semifinalist
Campus Insiders Freshman All-American second team
Pac-12 Freshman Offensive Player of the Year
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
Manning Award Star of the Week (vs. Arizona St.)
O'Brien Award Great 8 (vs. Colorado)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Arizona)
O'Brien Award Great 8 (vs. Arizona)
Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Arizona)
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Washington)
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Washington)
O'Brien Award Great 8 (vs. Washington)
USC Most Inspirational Player
USC Bob Chandler Award

TB **Justin Davis**
USC Trojan Commitment Award
USC Lifters Award

DT **Rasheem Green**
Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

DE **Porter Gustin**
Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC John McKay Award
USC Lifters Award

WR **De'Quan Hampton**
USC Player of the Game Vs. UCLA

S **Chris Hawkins**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

ILB **Michael Hutchings**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Chris Carlisle Courage Award
USC captain

TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**
Campus Insiders Freshman All-American second team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

TB **Ronald Jones II**
Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention (vs. California)
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention (vs. Oregon)
USC Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award

OG **Damien Mama**
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team

CB **Iman Marshall**
Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

S **Leon McQuay III**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Trojan Commitment Award

ILB **Grant Moore**
USC Joe Collins Walk-on Award

OLB **Connor Murphy**
USC Defensive Service Team Player of the Year

DE **Uchenna Nwosu**
USC John McKay Award

FB **Reuben Peters**
USC Lifters Award

WR **Darreus Rogers**
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year

ILB **Cameron Smith**
Campus Insiders Sophomore All-American first team
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
USC Trojan Way Leadership Award

WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**
Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award finalist
Football Coaches All-American second team
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
Scout.com Pac-12 Player of the Week (vs. Arizona State)
USC Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year

DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu**
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
USC Defensive Lineman of the Year

OT **Chad Wheeler**
Campus Insiders All-American first team
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team
USC Offensive Lineman of the Year

Offensive Line
Joe Moore Award semifinalist
Joe Moore Award Mid-Season Honor Roll (vs. Colorado)

Head Coach **Clay Helton**
Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award finalist

CLAY HELTON
USC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

It didn't take long for Clay Helton to make his mark as USC football's head coach.

The 44-year-old Helton is 15-7 as the Trojan head coach (9-3 in 2016, with wins over No. 4 Washington and No. 21 Colorado en route to an 8-game winning streak and a Rose Bowl berth, 5-4 in 2015, with wins over a pair of Top 25 teams, and 1-0 in 2013).

Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach after spending 10 seasons as an assistant at Memphis. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the offensive coordinator in 2013.

After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30 of that year, dropping the interim head coach title he had held since Oct. 12 (for USC's final 7 regular season games). He signed a 5-year contract.

"After weeks of searching the collegiate and pro ranks, interviewing candidates, and speaking with head coaches, athletic directors, NFL executives, and very knowledgeable football people, and after observing Clay in action the past seven weeks, it became abundantly clear that what we were searching for in a coach was right here in front of us," said then-USC athletic director Pat Haden upon announcing Helton's hiring. "Choosing a coach is an inexact science. In Clay's case, there is exactness. We have a man with unquestioned integrity. He is a fantastic person and he is real. Clay is a leader of young men. He is a terrific communicator. He brings high character, stability, continuity, consistency, toughness and resiliency to our program.

"We have known Clay well for the past six years. He earned this opportunity. He has been positive and upbeat handling adversity. He was built to be a head coach. Football is his family business. He is a coach on the rise and he will be coaching a team on the rise. As our interim head coach, Clay brought back USC's style of physical football. I have been impressed with how hard and how inspired our team has played for him, as well as the support they have shown for him."

After his Trojans started off 1-3 in 2016 in his first full season as head coach (all 3 losses were to AP Top 25 teams away from home), USC went on an 8-game winning streak (its longest since 2008-09) to rise to a No. 9 national ranking and earn a berth in the Rose Bowl (finishing second in the Pac-12 South at 7-2) while playing a schedule ranked among the 10 most difficult in the nation. USC was perfect (6-0) at home for the first time since 2008. His Trojans beat both teams (Washington and Colorado) that played in the Pac-12 Championship Game. Under Helton's guidance in 2016, Adoree' Jackson was named an All-American first teamer, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the Hornung Award, Thorpe Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. Sam Darnold was an O'Brien Award finalist and Zach Banner and Chad Wheeler made the All-Pac-12 first team. USC's offense had at least 400 total yards in its last 9 games, while its defense held 7 opponents to season lows in points. He was named a finalist for the **2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award**.

He guided the 2015 Trojans to 5 wins in the last 6 regular-season games (including victories over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA), the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. He was named the **2015 Los Angeles Sports Council Coach of the Year**.

As the coordinator of USC's offense in 2015, the Trojans ranked ninth nationally in fumbles lost (5) , 11th in both passes had intercepted (7) and completion percentage (.667), 16th in fourth down conversions (.654) and 20th in passing efficiency (153.6). USC averaged 437.9 total yards and 33.9 points a game. Quarterback Cody Kessler, a finalist for the Unitas Award and a NFL Draft third round pick, ranked in the national Top 20 in completion percentage (13th at .668), passing TDs (15th at 29) and passing efficiency (19th at 151.7). Kessler ended his career in USC's career Top 4 in TD passes, completions, passing yards and total offense (and set school career records for completion percentage and interception rate). All-Pac-12 first team wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster was in the Top 20 nationally in receiving yards (11th at 103.9), receiving TDs (17th at 10) and receptions (20th at 6.4). Tailbacks Justin Davis and Ronald Jones II each had 900-plus yard rushing seasons. Jones set the USC frosh season rushing record and was just the second Trojan first-year freshman to top the squad in rushing.

In 2014, quarterback Cody Kessler had the most efficient passing season in USC history (69.7%, 39 TDs, 5 interceptions) while setting USC season records for completions (315), completion percentage (69.7), passing efficiency (167.1) and interception rate (1.11) and tying USC season marks for TD passes (39) and 300-yard passing games (7). He also threw a school record 7 TD passes against Colorado and a Notre Dame opponents record 6 TDs against the Irish. USC's offense ranked in the national Top 25 in passing efficiency, passing offense, third down conversions and scoring offense in 2014. USC played in the 2014 Holiday Bowl.

In 2013, he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over Fresno State in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Trojan offense was in the national Top 25 in red zone scoring.

In 2012, quarterback Matt Barkley won the Wuerrfel Trophy and was a finalist for the Manning Award, Unitas Golden Arm Award, Senior CLASS Award and ARA Sportsmanship Award as he became the Pac-12 career recordholder for passing yards (12,327), completions (1,001), touchdowns (116) and total offense (12,214). He also was a 2012 National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete. He was a fourth round pick in the 2013 NFL draft. USC played in the 2012 Sun Bowl.

In 2011, Barkley was a Manning Award and Wuerrfel Trophy finalist as he set the Pac-12 season record for TD passes (39) and the USC season mark for pass completion percentage (69.1%), as well as school game standards for completions (35), pass yardage (468), passing TDs (6) and total offense (470). He was eighth nationally in passing efficiency and 16th in total offense. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Helton began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4 seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

Among the Tigers' running backs he tutored was school rushing/scoring/all-purpose running recordholder DeAngelo Williams, who went on to finish seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2005 and be an NFL first round selection.

As the receivers coach, he produced a pair of Conference USA All-Freshman picks in Maurice Jones (2005) and Duke Calhoun (2006), as well as the school's No. 4 all-time receptions leader in Ryan Scott. In 2003, Memphis set school season records for receptions and receiving yardage.

As the Tigers' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, the 2007 and 2008 offenses were among the top 6 in school history in total yards and points. Both squads were ranked in the top 26 nationally in total offense. Quarterback Martin Hankins became Memphis' No. 2 career passer and set single season records for completions, passing yards and touchdown passes in 2007. In 2009, Curtis Steele had his second consecutive season with 1,000 rushing yards, Calhoun became the school's all-time leading receiver and Carlos Singleton set the career mark for receiving touchdowns.

Memphis played in 5 bowls during Helton's time: the 2003 and 2007 New Orleans Bowls, 2004 GMAC Bowl, 2005 Motor City Bowl and 2008 St. Petersburg Bowl.

Helton was hired as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arkansas State after the 2009 season, but was there just 2 months before coming to USC.

Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99), working under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. In 1993, he completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in Houston's 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and interdisciplinary science from Houston in 1994.

He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.)

He was born on June 24, 1972. He and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: sons Reid (a USC student), 19, and Turner, 13, and daughter Aubrey, 17. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida. His brother, Tyson, is the quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator at USC after assistant coaching stops at Western Kentucky, Cincinnati, Alabama Birmingham, Memphis and Hawaii and playing at Houston.

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Team Statistics	USC	OPP
SCORING	395	266
Points Per Game	32.9	22.2
Points Off Turnovers	48	51
FIRST DOWNS	289	226
Rushing	129	85
Passing	141	118
Penalty	19	23
RUSHING YARDAGE	2487	1604
Yards gained rushing	2728	1919
Yards lost rushing	241	315
Rushing Attempts	472	415
Average Per Rush	5.3	3.9
Average Per Game	207.2	133.7
TDs Rushing	17	13
PASSING YARDAGE	3140	2704
Comp-Att-Int	271-409-10	232-410-11
Average Per Pass	7.7	6.6
Average Per Catch	11.6	11.7
Average Per Game	261.7	225.3
TDs Passing	28	20
TOTAL OFFENSE	5627	4308
Total Plays	881	825
Average Per Play	6.4	5.2
Average Per Game	468.9	359.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	34-815	34-641
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	24-395	7-32
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-78	10-135
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.0	18.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	16.5	4.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.1	13.5
FUMBLES-LOST	22-9	17-6
PENALTIES-Yards	89-788	57-522
Average Per Game	65.7	43.5
PUNTS-Yards	46-1740	66-2775
Average Per Punt	37.8	42.0
Net punt average	36.3	34.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	77-4869	57-3271
Average Per Kick	63.2	57.4
Net kick average	41.9	35.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:47	28:13
3RD-DOWN Conversions	77/163	63/179
3rd-Down Pct	47%	35%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/14	15/25
4th-Down Pct	50%	60%
SACKS BY-Yards	25-183	11-77
MISC YARDS	21	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	50	34
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-20	10-14
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(42-52) 81%	(28-35) 80%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(32-52) 62%	(22-35) 63%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(48-49) 98%	(32-33) 97%
ATTENDANCE	410755	293860
Games/Avg Per Game	6/68459	5/58772
Neutral Site Games		1/81359

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
USC	99	136	97	63	0	395
Opponents	50	50	87	79	0	266

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Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jones II, Ronald	12-6	157	1066	39	1027	6.5	11	66	85.6
Davis, Justin	9-6	104	588	24	564	5.4	2	50	62.7
Ware, Aca'Cedric	10-0	78	401	4	397	5.1	2	37	39.7
Darnold, Sam	12-9	57	288	58	230	4.0	2	18	19.2
Davis, Dominic	9-0	23	151	19	132	5.7	0	85	14.7
Toland IV, James	9-0	13	70	1	69	5.3	0	10	7.7
Jackson, Adoree'	12-12	5	49	0	49	9.8	0	17	4.1
Burnett, Deontay	12-4	3	31	0	31	10.3	0	15	2.6
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	12-12	4	29	4	25	6.2	0	20	2.1
Harris, Ajene	12-3	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	1.2
Greene, Jalen	12-0	4	20	8	12	3.0	0	20	1.0
Mitchell Jr., Steven	7-3	2	2	5	-3	-1.5	0	2	-0.4
Schmidt, Wyatt	11-0	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-0.7
TEAM	7-0	10	0	12	-12	-1.2	0	0	-1.7
Tilbey, Chris	12-0	1	0	17	-17	-17.0	0	0	-1.4
Browne, Max	9-3	9	19	42	-23	-2.6	0	17	-2.6
Total	12	472	2728	241	2487	5.3	17	85	207.2
Opponents	12	415	1919	315	1604	3.9	13	74	133.7

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Darnold, Sam	12-9	161.01	213-313-8	68.1	2633	26	67	219.4
Browne, Max	9-3	110.95	58-93-2	62.4	507	2	38	56.3
TEAM	7-0	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Greene, Jalen	12-0	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	148.45	271-409-10	66.3	3140	28	67	261.7
Opponents	12	122.72	232-410-11	56.6	2704	20	71	225.3

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	12-12	63	781	12.4	9	67	65.1
Rogers, Darreus	12-12	51	654	12.8	3	46	54.5
Burnett, Deontay	12-4	43	458	10.7	4	40	38.2
Mitchell Jr., Steven	7-3	24	226	9.4	1	23	32.3
Imatorbhebhe, Daniel	12-5	15	225	15.0	4	37	18.8
Davis, Justin	9-6	13	98	7.5	0	27	10.9
McNamara, Taylor	11-10	12	111	9.2	1	27	10.1
Petite, Tyler	12-2	10	156	15.6	2	38	13.0
Jones II, Ronald	12-6	9	73	8.1	1	16	6.1
Greene, Jalen	12-0	7	88	12.6	0	15	7.3
Hampton, De'Quan	12-0	7	73	10.4	2	31	6.1
Pittman Jr., Michael	12-0	6	82	13.7	0	21	6.8
Davis, Dominic	9-0	4	19	4.8	0	8	2.1
Whitney, Isaac	12-0	3	32	10.7	0	17	2.7
Ware, Aca'Cedric	10-0	3	9	3.0	0	6	0.9
Jackson, Adoree'	12-12	1	52	52.0	1	52	4.3
Banner, Zach	10-10	0	3	0.0	0	0	0.3
Total	12	271	3140	11.6	28	67	261.7
Opponents	12	232	2704	11.7	20	71	225.3

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson, Adoree'	19	302	15.9	2	77
Pittman Jr., Michael	2	63	31.5	0	35
Burnett, Deontay	2	20	10.0	0	15
Mitchell Jr., Steven	1	1	1.0	0	1
Powell, Quinton	0	9	0.0	0	9
Total	24	395	16.5	2	77
Opponents	7	32	4.6	0	14

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson, Adoree'	4	0	0.0	0	0
Harris, Ajene	2	66	33.0	1	33
Marshall, Iman	2	12	6.0	0	12
McQuay III, Leon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tell III, Marvell	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lockett, Jonathan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	11	78	7.1	1	33
Opponents	10	135	13.5	1	32

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson, Adoree'	22	671	30.5	2	100
Mitchell Jr., Steven	5	91	18.2	0	32
Jones, Jack	3	31	10.3	0	13
Pittman Jr., Michael	2	13	6.5	0	12
Smith, Cameron	1	7	7.0	0	7
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	34	815	24.0	2	100
Opponents	34	641	18.9	0	31

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson, Adoree'	1	26	26.0	0	26
Total	1	26	26.0	0	26
Opponents	2	34	17.0	0	25

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT kick	PAT rush	PAT rcv	PAT pass	dxp	saf	pts
Boermeester, Matt	-	15-20	48-49	-	-	-	-	-	93
Jones II, Ronald	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Jackson, Adoree'	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Burnett, Deontay	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Imatorbhebhe, Daniel	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Rogers, Darreus	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Hampton, De'Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Davis, Justin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ware, Aca'Cedric	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Petite, Tyler	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Darnold, Sam	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
McNamara, Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Harris, Ajene	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mitchell Jr., Steven	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	1	2
Total	50	15-20	48-49	0-1	-	-	-	1	395
Opponents	34	10-14	32-33	0-1	-	-	-	-	266

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Darnold, Sam	12	370	230	2633	2863	238.6
Jones II, Ronald	12	157	1027	0	1027	85.6
Davis, Justin	9	104	564	0	564	62.7
Browne, Max	9	102	-23	507	484	53.8
Ware, Aca'Cedric	10	78	397	0	397	39.7
Davis, Dominic	9	23	132	0	132	14.7
Toland IV, James	9	13	69	0	69	7.7
Jackson, Adoree'	12	5	49	0	49	4.1
Burnett, Deontay	12	3	31	0	31	2.6
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	12	4	25	0	25	2.1
Harris, Ajene	12	1	14	0	14	1.2
Greene, Jalen	12	5	12	0	12	1.0
Mitchell Jr., Steven	7	2	-3	0	-3	-0.4
Schmidt, Wyatt	11	1	-8	0	-8	-0.7
TEAM	7	12	-12	0	-12	-1.7
Tilbey, Chris	12	1	-17	0	-17	-1.4
Total	12	881	2487	3140	5627	468.9
Opponents	12	825	1604	2704	4308	359.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Boermeester, Matt	15-20	75.0	0-0	2-2	7-8	6-8	0-2	49	0

FG Sequence	USC	Opponents
Alabama	(47),(41)	(29)
Utah State	46,(20)	37
Stanford	(47)	(31),(42)
Utah	(32),(43)	(36)
Arizona State	(49),(46),53,37	(40),(34)
Colorado	-	(42)
Arizona	54	-
California	42,(32)	(27)
Oregon	(35)	-
Washington	(38)	(43),(39),38
UCLA	(30),(32),(25)	45
Notre Dame	(37)	37

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Tilbey, Chris	46	1740	37.8	53	2	17	18	2	0
Total	46	1740	37.8	53	2	17	18	2	0
Opponents	66	2775	42.0	67	6	12	24	11	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Boermeester, Matt	77	4869	63.2	40	3			
Total	77	4869	63.2	40	3	18.9	41.9	23
Opponents	57	3271	57.4	17	3	24.0	35.6	29

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jones II, Ronald	12	1027	73	0	0	0	1100	91.7
Jackson, Adoree	12	49	52	302	671	0	1074	89.5
Smith-Schuster,	12	25	781	0	2	0	808	67.3
Davis, Justin	9	564	98	0	0	0	662	73.6
Rogers, Darreus	12	0	654	0	0	0	654	54.5
Burnett, Deontay	12	31	458	20	0	0	509	42.4
Ware, Aca'Cedri	10	397	9	0	0	0	406	40.6
Mitchell Jr., Stev	7	-3	226	1	91	0	315	45.0
Darnold, Sam	12	230	0	0	0	0	230	19.2
Imatorbhebhe, D	12	0	225	0	0	0	225	18.8
Pittman Jr., Mich	12	0	82	63	13	0	158	13.2
Petite, Tyler	12	0	156	0	0	0	156	13.0
Davis, Dominic	9	132	19	0	0	0	151	16.8
McNamara, Tayl	11	0	111	0	0	0	111	10.1
Greene, Jalen	12	12	88	0	0	0	100	8.3
Harris, Ajene	12	14	0	0	0	66	80	6.7
Hampton, De'Qu	12	0	73	0	0	0	73	6.1
Toland IV, Jame	9	69	0	0	0	0	69	7.7
Whitney, Isaac	12	0	32	0	0	0	32	2.7
Jones, Jack	12	0	0	0	31	0	31	2.6
Marshall, Iman	12	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.0
Powell, Quinton	12	0	0	9	0	0	9	0.8
Smith, Cameron	12	0	0	0	7	0	7	0.6
Banner, Zach	10	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.3
Schmidt, Wyatt	11	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-0.7
TEAM	7	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-1.7
Tilbey, Chris	12	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-1.4
Browne, Max	9	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-2.6
Total	12	2487	3140	395	815	78	6915	576.2
Opponents	12	1604	2704	32	641	135	5116	426.3

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
%Sep 03, 2016	vs #1 Alabama	L	6-52	0-1	0-0	3:19	81359
Sep 10, 2016	UTAH STATE	W	45-7	1-1	0-0	3:18	62487
*Sep 17, 2016	at #7 Stanford	L	10-27	1-2	0-1	3:03	48763
*Sep 23, 2016	at #24 Utah	L	27-31	1-3	0-2	3:21	46133
*Oct 01, 2016	ARIZONA STATE	W	41-20	2-3	1-2	3:20	71214
*Oct 08, 2016	#21 COLORADO	W	21-17	3-3	2-2	3:17	68302
*Oct 15, 2016	at Arizona	W	48-14	4-3	3-2	3:30	55463
*Oct 27, 2016	CALIFORNIA	W	45-24	5-3	4-2	3:27	61725
*Nov 05, 2016	OREGON	W	45-20	6-3	5-2	3:33	74625
*Nov 12, 2016	at #4 Washington	W	26-13	7-3	6-2	3:24	72364
*Nov 19, 2016	at UCLA	W	36-14	8-3	7-2	3:16	71137
Nov 26, 2016	NOTRE DAME	W	45-27	9-3	7-2	3:39	72402

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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
35	Smith, Cameron	12-12	43	36	79	7.0-24	1.0-6	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
19	Hutchings, Michael	12-12	32	32	64	6.0-28	3.0-22	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
45	Gustin, Porter	12-12	40	24	64	12.0-55	5.5-42	.	4	1	.	.	.	.
2	Jackson, Adoree'	12-12	42	9	51	2.0-4	.	4-0	11	.	2-26	.	.	.
42	Nwosu, Uchenna	12-12	26	24	50	7.5-39	3.0-18	.	5	2	.	1	.	.
94	Green, Rasheem	12-11	20	30	50	5.5-31	5.0-30	.	4	1	.	1	2	.
8	Marshall, Iman	12-12	36	13	49	3.0-5	.	2-12	8	.	.	.	.	.
96	Tu'ikolovatu, Stevie	12-11	23	22	45	2.0-9	0.5-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	McQuay III, Leon	12-11	25	18	43	4.0-19	1.0-12	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
4	Hawkins, Chris	12-4	37	5	42	4.0-16	1.0-10	.	2	1	.	2	.	.
7	Tell III, Marvell	12-12	26	15	41	2.0-7	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
27	Harris, Ajene	12-3	16	11	27	3.5-17	1.0-5	2-66	4	.	1-0	2	.	.
98	Fatu, Josh	11-1	12	9	21	1.5-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Lockett, Jonathan	9-5	11	6	17	0.5-1	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
10	Houston Jr., John	12-0	11	4	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Powell, Quinton	12-0	10	3	13	2.0-7	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Jones, Jack	12-0	10	2	12	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
44	Dorton, Malik	11-1	5	4	9	1.5-16	1.0-15	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56	Iosefa, Jordan	12-0	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Tucker, Olajuwon	12-0	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Langley, Isaiah	11-0	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Murphy, Connor	12-0	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
92	Daniel, Jacob	8-0	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Pittman Jr., Michael	12-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
89	Rector, Christian	11-0	2	3	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
37	Lopes, Matt	11-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Boermeester, Matt	12-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Jefferson, Noah	1-1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Plattenburg, John	5-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Darnold, Sam	12-9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2F	Toland IV, James	9-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Ross, Ykili	10-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	7-0	2	.	2	2.0-8	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
40	Ruffin, Jabari	6-0	2	.	2	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Burnett, Deontay	12-4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Smith-Schuster, JuJu	12-12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0A	Rogers, Darreus	12-12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9B	Smith, Zach	12-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2H	Ware, Aca'Cedric	10-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Talamaivao, Viane	12-12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	12	487	284	771	67-294	25-183	11-78	58	6	6-26	8	3	1
	Opponents	12	555	296	851	56-201	11-77	10-135	45	5	9-34	10	.	.

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in bold face)

Name	*Alabama*	*Utah St.*	*Stanford*	*Utah*	*Ariz. St.*	*Colorado*	*Arizona*	*California*	*Oregon*	*Wash.*	*UCLA*	*No. Dame*
Rushing: TCB-NET-TD												
R. Jones	**7-46**-0	5-8-0	11-**63**-1	8-15-0	5-20-0	10-56-0	**16**-77-1	18-**223**-1	**20-171**-4	**23-93**-1	**18-121**-2	**16-134**-1
J. Davis	7-2-0	**16-70**-0	**14-63**-0	**10-126**-1	**14-123**-1	**13-92**-0	--	--	--	5-4-0	15-48-0	10-36-0
Ware	6-22-0	11-57-1	--	5-20-0	8-9-0	8-25-0	12-**103**-1	**20**-130-0	--	--	6-23-0	2-8-0
Darnold	3-9-0	2-3-0	--	9-41-1	3-8-1	8-22-0	6-54-0	5-12-0	5-23-0	4-15-0	9-27-0	3-16-0
D. Davis	2-5-0	3-8-0	--	--	--	--	7-89-0	--	6-28-0	--	--	5-2-0
Toland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8-49-0	--	5-20-0	--
Jackson	--	--	--	1-11-0	--	--	--	1-1-0	--	1-8-0	1-17-0	1-12-0
Burnett	--	1-12-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-15-0	--	--	1-4-0	--
Smith-Schuster	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-25-0	--	1-(-4)-0	1-4-0	--
Harris	--	1-14-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Greene	--	2-14-0	--	--	1-0-0	--	1-(-2)-0	--	--	--	--	--
Mitchell	--	--	--	--	2-(-3)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Schmidt	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-8)-0	--	--	--	--
Team	--	--	--	--	--	4-(-5)-0	1-(-1)-0	--	1-(-1)-0	1-(-3)-0	1-(-1)-0	1-(-1)-0
Tilbey	1-(-17)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Browne	4-(-3)-0	3-(-8)-0	1-(-9)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-3)-0	--
Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD												
Darnold	8-4-0	7-5-0	7-5-1	26-**18**-0	33-**23**-0	37-**25**-1	32-**20**-0	25-**18**-1	40-**28**-1	33-**23**-2	36-**25**-2	29-**19**-0
	29-0	62-2	45-0	**253**-0	**352**-3	**358**-3	**235**-5	**231**-5	**309**-2	**287**-2	**267**-2	**205**-2
Browne	29-**14**-1	30-**23**-1	28-**18**-0	--	2-1-0	--	2-2-0	--	1-0-0	--	--	1-0-0
	101-0	**182**-2	**191**-0		14-0		19-0		0-0			0-0
Greene	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--
							0-0					
Team	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--
					0-0						0-0	
Receiving: NO-YDS-TD												
Smith-Schuster	1-9-0	**7**-56-2	3-34-0	**8-98**-0	**7-123**-3	5-**113**-0	**9-132**-3	**6**-66-0	2-10-0	3-41-0	**8-76**-0	4-23-1
Rogers	2-45-0	**7-82**-0	4-26-0	5-48-0	1-28-0	4-76-0	5-42-0	**6-97**-2	4-33-0	**6-84**-1	3-34-0	4-49-0
Burnett	**4-26**-0	3-24-1	3-41-0	--	**7**-93-0	5-34-0	1-11-1	1-13-1	**7-87**-1	4-67-0	3-28-0	**5**-34-0
Mitchell	**4**-22-0	4-5-1	**5**-55-0	2-45-0	2-17-0	**6**-63-0	1-19-0	--	--	--	--	--
D. Imatorbhebhe	--	1-7-0	--	--	--	2-45-1	1-8-1	1-17-1	2-37-0	5-78-1	2-27-0	1-6-0
J. Davis	2-5-0	2-36-0	4-10-0	--	2-38-0	--	--	--	--	2-1-0	1-8-0	--
McNamara	2-10-0	--	--	1-21-0	1-5-0	--	--	--	4-47-1	1-2-0	1-8-0	2-18-0
Petite	1-5-0	1-8-0	3-**73**-0	1-22-0	1-27-0	2-18-2	--	--	1-3-0	--	--	--
R. Jones	1-2-0	--	--	--	--	1-9-0	1-7-0	2-18-1	2-26-0	1-6-0	1-5-0	--
Greene	--	1-15-0	--	--	1-14-0	--	1-12-0	2-20-0	--	--	1-12-0	1-15-0
Hampton	--	1-9-0	1-(-3)-0	--	--	--	2-16-0	--	--	--	3-51-2	--
Pittman	--	--	--	--	2-21-0	--	--	--	4-61-0	--	--	--
D. Davis	1-6-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-5-0	1-8-0	--	--
Whitney	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-7-0	--	--	--	1-17-0	1-8-0
Ware	--	1-2-0	--	1-6-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0	--
Jackson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-**52**-1
Banner	--	--	--	0-3-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Punting: NO-YDS-LONG												
Tilbey	10-403-52	2-83-42	5-184-49	1-30-30	3-109-43	3-118-44	4-145-38	2-75-38	4-159-53	4-127-35	2-76-39	6-231-44
Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Jackson	--	1*-77-77	1-25-25	--	3-16-14	4-50-47	2-3-5	2-33-32	2-16-15	--	1-16-16	3*-66-55
Pittman	--	1**-35-35	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-28-28	--	--	--
Burnett	1-15-15	--	--	--	--	--	1-5-5	--	--	--	--	--
Mitchell	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-1	--	--	--	--	--
Powell	--	0-9-9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Jackson	4-112-40	--	2-37-20	1*-100-100	3-62-22	1-38-38	--	2-56-34	--	3-59-23	2-46-27	4*-161-97
Mitchell	--	--	--	3-58-29	1-32-32	--	1-1-1	--	--	--	--	--
Jac. Jones	1-5-0	1-13-13	--	1-13-13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pittman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-13-12	--	--	--	--
Ca. Smith	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-7-7	--	--
Smith-Schuster	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-2-2

*Includes 1 touchdown

Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD												
Jackson	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	2-0-0	--	--
Harris	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-33-0	--	--	--	--	1-33-1
Marshall	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-12-0	--	--	--	--	--
McQuay	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lockett	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--

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Defensive Statistics: TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC												
Ca. Smith	**9**-0-0-1	**13**-1-0-0	6-0-0-0	**15**-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	5-2-0-0	**8**-0-2-0	3-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	**10**-1-0-0
Gustin	**9**-1.5-0-0	6-2-0-0	4-0-0-0	13-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	5-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	1-0.5-0-0	4-1.5-2-0	5-2-1-0	4-1-0-0	8-1.5-0-0
Hutchings	5-2.5-0-0	5-0-1-0	**7**-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	**9**-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	5-1-0-0
Jackson	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-1-0	7-0-2-1	**5**-0-1-0	6-0-0-0	4-0-0-1	6-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	3-0-1-0	4-1-2-0	2-0-2-0
Nwosu	1-0-0-0	4-0-2-0	4-0-0-0	5-1.5-0-0	3-1-0-0	**10**-1-2-0	--	7-0-0-0	5-2.5-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	7-0.5-1-0
Green	5-1-0-0	2-0-2-0	3-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	7-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-1.5-0-0	4-1-3**-0	4-0-1**-0	6-0.5-0-0
Marshall	3-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	5-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	9-0-3-0	2-1-0-0	4-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	6-0-1-0
Tu'ikolovatu	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	9-0.5-0-0	2-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	5-0.5-0-0
McQuay	3-1-1-0	4-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-1-0	4-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	**8**-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	5-0-1-0	4-0-1-0	3-0-0-0
Hawkins	3-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	5-1-0-0	--	3-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	**5**-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	--	1-0-0-0
Tell	3-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	**8**-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Harris	2-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-2-0	0-0-1-0	3-0.5-0-0	**5**-0-0-0	621-0-0
Fatu	1-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0
Lockett	--	--	--	2-0-1-0	**5**-0.5-1-0	5-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Houston	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Powell	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	2-1-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--
Jac. Jones	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-1
Tucker	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--
Iosefa	--	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Dorton	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-0.5-0-0	1-1-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Langley	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--
Pittman	--	0-0-1*-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Daniel	--	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--
Murphy	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-1	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0
Rector	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	0-0-1-0	--
Lopes	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Plattenburg	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	2-0-0-0
Jefferson	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Boermeester	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Smith-Schuster	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Darnold	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--
Toland	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--
Ross	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--
Burnett	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--
Team	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0
Ruffin	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--
Z. Smith	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0
Rogers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--
Ware	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Talamaivao	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--

*Includes 1 blocked punt
**Includes 1 blocked field goal

USC TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Alabama	Utah St.	Stanford	Utah	Ariz. St.	Colorado	Arizona	California	Oregon	Wash.	UCLA	No. Dame
First Downs	11	29	17	22	23	28	25	31	28	21	31	23
Rush	5	15	6	7	7	10	15	17	14	5	16	12
Pass	4	12	11	13	12	18	9	13	12	14	14	9
Penalty	2	2	0	2	4	0	1	1	2	2	1	2
Rush Attempts	64	44	26	33	33	43	43	48	40	36	58	38
Yds Gain	112	208	134	221	171	206	329	423	281	126	290	227
Yds Lost	48	30	17	8	14	16	9	25	11	13	30	20
Net Yards	64	178	117	213	157	190	320	398	270	113	260	207
Net Yds Pass	130	244	236	253	366	358	254	231	309	287	267	205
Pass Att	37	37	35	26	36	37	35	25	41	33	37	30
Pass Com	18	28	23	18	24	25	22	18	28	23	25	19
Had Int	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	0
Tot Off Plays	67	81	61	59	69	80	78	73	81	69	95	68
Tot Net Yards	194	422	353	466	523	548	574	629	579	400	527	412
Avg/Play	2.9	5.2	5.8	7.9	7.6	6.9	7.4	8.6	7.1	5.8	5.5	6.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0	1-0	3-3	3-0	4-3	1-0	3-2	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	6-46	5-51	8-56	7-49	7-68	2-22	8-98	13-125	13-129	6-40	7-39	7-65
Punts-Yds	10-403	2-83	5-184	1-30	3-109	3-118	4-145	2-75	4-159	4-127	2-76	6-231
Avg/Punt	40.3	41.5	36.8	30.0	36.3	39.3	36.2	37.5	39.8	31.8	38.0	38.5
Punt Ret-Yds	1-15	2-121	1-25	0-0	3-16	4-50	4-9	2-33	3-44	0-0	1-16	3-66
KO Ret-Yds	5-117	1-13	2-37	5-171	4-94	1-38	1-1	4-69	0-0	4-66	2-46	5-163
Int-Yards	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-45	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-33
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-26	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Poss Time	29:17	32:36	25:46	22:21	29:33	32:18	35:24	31:51	34:51	32:37	43:47	31:03
3rd Down Con	4-18	7-13	4-12	6-10	3-13	7-14	7-13	6-10	9-14	7-13	12-21	5-12
4th Down Con	0-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-0
Sacks By-Yds	3-21	2-17	0-0	0-0	3-25	4-28	1-12	0-0	3-17	3-18	0-0	6-45

Game-By-Game Starters

Name	Alabama	Utah St.	Stanford	Utah	Ariz. St.	Colorado	Arizona	California	Oregon	Wash.	UCLA	No. Dame
Offense												
WR	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers
LT	Edoga	Edoga	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler
LG	Brown	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama
C	Lob'dahn	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah	Falah
RG	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao	Tal'm'vao
RT	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Simmons	Simmons	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner
TE	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	D. Im't'bhe	D. Im't'bhe	D. Im't'bhe	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra
WR	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.	Sm'th-Sch.
QB	Browne	Browne	Browne	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold	Darnold
FB	Mitchell*	Petite**	D. Im't'bhe**	D. Im't'bhe**	Mitchell*	Mitchell*	Petite**	McN'm'ra**	Burnett*	Burnett*	Burnett*	Burnett*
TB	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	R. Jones	R. Jones	R. Jones	R. Jones	R. Jones	R. Jones

*USC started 3 wide receivers
**USC started 2 tight ends

Defense												
OLB	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu	Nwosu
DE	Jeff'son	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
NT	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Fatu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu	Tu'ik'l'v'tu
DE	Dorton	McQuay^	McQuay^	Lockett^	Lockett^	Lockett^	Lockett^	Lockett^	McQuay^	Harris^	Harris^	Harris^
OLB	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin
ILB	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith
ILB	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings	Hutchings
CB	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall
SS	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	Hawkins	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay
FS	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell
CB	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson

^USC started 5 defensive backs

OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Alabama	Utah St.	Stanford	Utah	Ariz. St.	Colorado	Arizona	California	Oregon	Wash.	UCLA	No. Dame
First Downs	15	13	18	30	16	20	20	29	19	13	10	23
Rush	9	1	14	16	4	4	8	8	7	4	3	7
Pass	6	10	4	12	10	15	7	16	9	9	7	13
Penalty	0	2	0	2	2	1	5	5	3	0	0	3
Rush Attempts	45	26	48	47	33	29	44	30	30	27	19	37
Yds Gain	269	71	308	197	105	125	231	148	116	75	59	215
Yds Lost	27	22	6	11	30	29	30	6	31	58	4	61
Net Yards	242	49	302	186	75	96	201	142	85	17	55	154
Net Yds Pass	223	204	102	270	228	275	142	333	203	259	211	254
Pass Att	18	39	14	34	37	44	26	53	37	37	32	39
Pass Com	12	25	8	21	19	28	11	34	20	17	16	21
Had Int	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	1
Tot Off Plays	63	65	62	81	70	73	70	83	67	65	51	76
Tot Net Yards	465	253	404	456	303	371	343	475	288	276	266	408
Avg/Play	7.4	3.9	6.5	5.6	4.3	5.1	4.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	5.2	5.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	0-0	3-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	4-29	5-38	3-35	5-43	5-75	5-26	4-35	7-65	7-43	3-35	3-44	6-54
Punts-Yds	5-235	6-217	2-81	3-149	7-296	7-295	5-223	4-178	8-293	4-138	7-280	8-390
Avg/Punt	47.0	36.2	40.5	49.7	42.3	42.1	44.6	44.5	36.6	34.5	40.0	48.8
Punt Ret-Yds	2-4	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-14
KO Ret-Yds	1-24	2-43	1-22	2-27	4-65	1-21	0-0	5-798	5-98	3-72	6-116	4-74
Int-Yards	1-18	1-0	1-8	0-0	0-0	1-14	0-0	1-27	1-13	2-0	2-55	0-0
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-0	1-25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Poss Time	30:43	27:24	34:14	37:39	30:27	27:42	24:36	28:09	26:09	27:23	16:13	28:57
3rd Down Con	6-15	6-16	7-14	5-13	6-17	6-17	6-14	3-12	5-16	6-17	2-11	5-17
4th Down Con	1-1	1-3	1-1	4-4	0-1	1-2	0-2	2-4	1-2	2-2	0-1	2-2
Sacks By-Yds	3-20	2-10	1-9	1-2	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-4	1-10	0-0

2016 USC FOOTBALL GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – September 3, Arlington, Texas
Alabama 52, USC 6
Att: 81,359

USC	**3**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**--**	**6**
Alabama	**0**	**17**	**21**	**14**	**--**	**52**

No. 20 USC suffered its worst season-opening loss in history when it fell to top-ranked, defending national champion Alabama, 52-6, in front of 81, 359 fans in soldout AT&T Stadium in Dallas (Tex.) and a national ABC-TV audience.

It snapped USC's 17-year season-opening win streak. The 46-point deficit was Troy's largest losing margin in any game since 1966 (51-0 to Notre Dame). Alabama's 52 points were the most ever surrendered by the Trojans in an opener. It was the fewest points USC has scored since also getting 6 against Utah in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl and Troy's fewest in an opener since getting 7 against Florida State in 1997. It was the first time USC failed to score a touchdown since a 27-0 loss to Washington in 1997 and the first time doing so in an opener since 1960 (14-0 to Oregon State).

USC had just 164 total yards (only 64 rushing on 30 carries) and 11 first downs while converting only 4-of-18 third downs (and 0-of-2 on fourth downs). The Crimson Tide gained 465 total yards, including 242 on the ground). Alabama averaged 7.4 yards per play to USC's 2.9.

USC got off to a quick start in the game, as PK **Matt Boermeester** nailed a 47-yard field goal (his first attempt as a Trojan) on opening drive. Troy held Alabama to just 12 total yards in the opening quarter.

But then the Crimson Tide struck quickly midway through the second period while USC started to sputter. WR ArDarius Stewart pulled down a 39-yard scoring throw from QB Jalen Hurts, then PK Adam Griffith hit a 29-yard field goal on the Tide's next possession and soon after CB Marlon Humphrey ran back an interception 18 yards for a TD to give Alabama a 17-3 halftime edge.

The Tide scored touchdowns on 5 of their first 6 possessions of the second half, first on a 71-yard Hurts pass to Stewart 3 plays into the half, then on 7- and 6-yard runs by Hurts, followed by a 2-yard run by RB Bo Scarborough at the top of the fourth quarter and capped by a 45-yard aerial from QB Blake Barnett to WR Gehrig Dieter. USC was able to counter with only a 41-yard Boermeester field goal late in the third quarter.

QB **Max Browne**, making his first USC start, hit his first 7 passes and ended up 14-of-29 for 101 yards with the interception, while QB **Sam Darnold** added 29 yards on 4-of-8 passing. TB **Ronald Jones** had 46 yards on 7 carries. WRs **Deontay Burnett** (26 yards) and **Steve Mitchell** (22 yards) each had 4 receptions.

For Alabama, RB Damien Harris gained 138 yards on 9 carries and Hurts was 6-of-11 for 118 yards and also ran for 32 yards on 9 tries, while Barnett was 5-of-6 for 100 yards. Stewart caught 4 passes for 113 yards.

DE **Porter Gustin** and ILB **Michael Hutchings** each had a game-high 9 tackles (Smith also recovered a fumble) and CB **Iman Marshall** had a pick.

It was the teams' first meeting since 1985 and USC's first visit to the Dallas area in 21 years. It also was just the fourth time that USC ever played inside. Calling the offensive plays for Alabama was former USC head coach Lane Kiffin.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 47-yard field goal

Second Quarter

ALA -- Steward 39-yard pass from Hurts (Griffith kick)
ALA -- Griffith 29-yard field goal
ALA -- Humphrey 18-yard interception return (Griffith kick)

Third Quarter

ALA--Stewart 71-yard pass from Hurts (Griffith kick)
ALA -- Hurts 7-yard run (Griffith kick)
ALA -- Hurts 6-yard run (Griffith kick)
USC -- Boermeester 41-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

ALA -- Scarbrough 2-yard run (Griffith kick)
ALA -- Dieter 45-yard pass from Barnett (Griffith kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ALABAMA
11	First Downs	15
64	Net Yards Rushing	242
130	Net Yards Passing	223
37	Passes Attempted	18
18	Passes Completed	13
1	Had Intercepted	1
67	Total Plays	63
194	Total Yards	465
10/40.3	Punts/Avg	5/47.0
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	3/1
6/46	Penalties/Yards	4/29
29:17	Time of Possession	30:43

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Harris (ALA), 9-138; R. Jones (USC) 7-46; Scarbrough (ALA) 11-36; Hurts (ALA) 9-32; Ware (USC) 6-22; Jacobs (ALA) 4-20.

PASSING – Browne (USC) 14-29-101; Hurts (ALA) 6-11-118; Barnett (ALA) 5-6-100; Darnold (USC) 4-8-29; Bateman (ALA) 1-1-5.

RECEIVING – Stewart (ALA) 4-113; Burnett (USC) 4-26; Mitchell (USC) 4-22; Howard (ALA) 3-39; Rogers (USC) 2-45; McNamara (USC) 2-10; Ridley (ALA) 2-9; J. Davis (USC) 2-5.

GAME 2 – September 10, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 45, Utah State 7
Att: 62,487

Utah State	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**--**	**7**
USC	**7**	**14**	**10**	**14**	**--**	**45**

Behind a pair of touchdown passes each from QBs **Max Browne** and **Sam Darnold**--including 2 to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**--and a scoring punt return by CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, USC bounced back from its season-opening loss by blowing out Utah State in its home opener, 45-7, before 62,487 fans in the Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

USC was never threatened, building a 31-0 lead late in the third quarter. The Trojans had 422 total yards (178 rushing after getting just 64 in the opener) on 81 plays and limited the Aggies to 253 total yards (just 49 on the ground after they had 428 the previous week) on 65 plays. Troy also had 29 first downs to USU's 13 (the Aggies converted just 6-of-16 third downs).

After WR **Michael Pittman** blocked a USU punt early in the first quarter, Browne threw his first career TD pass when he found Smith-Schuster on a 3-yarder. Then midway through the second quarter, Darnold threw for his first career score on a 13-yard pass to WR **Deontay Burnett** (his first career TD grab). Later in the quarter, S **Leon McQuay III** picked off an Aggie pass, leading to a 2-yard TD toss from Browne to WR **Steven Mitchell Jr.** with 19 seconds to go.

USC scored on its first 2 possessions of the second half, a 20-yard field goal by PK **Matt Boermeester** and then on Jackson's 77-yard punt runback. After Utah State responded with QB Kent Myers' 6-yard touchown pass to TE Wyatt Houston at the end of the third quarter, added 2 fourth quarter touchdowns on Darnold's 15-yard aerial to Smith-Schuster and a 2-yard run by TB **Aca'Cedric Ware**.

Browne completed 23-of-30 passes for 182 yards (with a pick) and Darnold was 5-of-7 for 62 yards, and they became the first pair of Trojans to each throw at least 2 TDs in a game since Brad Otton and Matt Koffler did so in 1994 against California. WR **Darreus Rogers** (82 yards) and Smith-Schuster (56 yards) each had 7 receptions (career highs for Rogers). TB **Justin Davis** had a game-best 70 yards on 16 rushes, while Ware added 57 yards on 11 carries. ILB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 13 tackles (1 for a loss) and S **Chris Hawkins** had 8 stops.

For Utah State, Myers was 25-of-37 for 204 passing yards.

The game's 11 a.m. kickoff was the earliest for a Trojan home game since at least the early 1950s.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Smith-Schuster 3-yard pass from Brown (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Burnett 13-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
USC -- Mitchell 2-yard pass from Brown (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 20-yard field goal
USC -- Jackson 77-yard punt return (Boermeester kick)
UTST -- Houston 6-yard pass from Myers (Warren kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Smith-Schuster 15-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
USC -- Ware 2-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH STATE
29	First Downs	13
178	Net Yards Rushing	49
244	Net Yards Passing	204
37	Passes Attempted	39
28	Passes Completed	25
1	Had Intercepted	1
81	Total Plays	65
422	Total Yards	253
2/41.5	Punts/Avg	6/36.2
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
5/51	Penalties/Yards	5/38
32:36	Time of Possession	27:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 16-70; Ware (USC) 11-57; Mays (UTST) 8-24.

PASSING – Myers (UTST) 25-37-204; Browne (USC) 23-30-182; Darnold (USC) 5-7-62; Hobbs (UTST) 0-2-0.

RECEIVING – Rogers (USC) 7-82; Smith-Schuster (USC) 7-56; Tarver (UTST) 4-37; Lewis (UTST) 4-34; Houston (UTST) 4-33; Lindsey (UTST) 4-8; Mitchell (USC) 4-5; Burnett (USC) 3-24); J. Davis (USC) 2-36; Rodriguez (UTST) 2-11.

GAME 3 – September 17, Palo Alto, California
Stanford 27, USC 10
Att: 48,763

USC	**3**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**--**	**10**
Stanford	**7**	**10**	**10**	**0**	**--**	**27**

RB Christian McCaffrey had 260 all-purpose yards, including 172 on the ground, and scored twice to lead No. 7 Stanford to a 27-10 win over USC before 48,763 fans in Palo Alto and a national ABC-TV audience.

It was the first Pac-12 game of 2016.

Stanford had 404 total yards in the game (302 rushing) to USC's 353 and held the ball for 34:14, while the Trojans had 8 penalties (6 false starts) to the Cardinal's 3 and Troy converted just 4-of-12 third downs.

USC fell behind 17-3 at halftime as it was hampered by 7 penalties (5 were motion penalties) and it failed to convert on any of its 4 third down tries. After QB Ryan Burns found a wide-open McCaffrey for a 56-yard TD late in the first quarter on a busted coverage, USC responded with PK **Matt Boermeester's** 47-yard field goal. But Stanford countered right back with a 31-yard field goal by PK Conrad Ukropina midway through the second quarter. The Cardinal scored again on its next possession, as McCaffrey ran for a 1-yard score late in the half.

USC opened the second half with a 1-yard TD run by TB **Ronald Jones** to pull within 17-10, but Stanford responded by scoring on its next 2 series, first a 42-yard Ukropina field goal and then a 56-yard end-around TD by WR Michael Rector late in the third quarter. USC got into Stanford territory on all 3 of its fourth-quarter possessions but couldn't convert on any of them.

Jones (11 carries) and TB **Justin Davis** each ran for 63 yards for USC, QB **Max Browne** hit 18-of-28 passes for 191 yards and QB **Sam Darnold** was 5-of-7 for 45 yards and WR **Steven Mitchell** caught 5 passes for 55 yards. ILB **Michael Hutchings** had a game-best 7 tackles, while CBs **Adoree' Jackson** and **Iman Marshall** and ILB **Cameron Smith** each added 6 tackles (Jackson also had an interception and a deflection).

McCaffrey's 172 rushing yards came on 31 carries and he added 66 yards on 3 receptions and a 22-yard kickoff return. Burns was 8-of-14 passing for 102 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

STAN--McCaffrey 56-yard pass from Burns (Ukropina kick)

USC -- Boermeester 47-yard field goal

Second Quarter

STAN--Ukropina 31-yard field goal

STAN -- McCaffrey 1-yard run (Ukropina kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- R. Jones 1-yard run (Boermeester kick)

STAN -- Ukropina 42-yard field goal

STAN -- Rector 56-yard run (Ukropina kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
17	First Downs	18
117	Net Yards Rushing	302
236	Net Yards Passing	102
35	Passes Attempted	14
23	Passes Completed	8
1	Had Intercepted	1
61	Total Plays	62
353	Total Yards	404
5/36.8	Punts/Avg	2/40.5
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/56	Penalties/Yards	3/35
25:46	Time of Possession	34:14

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – McCaffrey (STAN) 31-172; J. Davis (USC) 14-63; R. Jones (USC) 11-63; Rector (STAN) 1-56; Love (STAN) 11-51.

PASSING – Browne (USC) 18-28-191; Burns (STAN) 8-14-102; Darnold (USC) 5-7-45.

RECEIVING –Mitchell (USC) 5-55; Rogers (USC) 4-26; J. Davis (USC) 4-10; Petite (USC) 3-73; McCaffrey (STAN) 3-66; Burnett (USC) 3-41; Smith-Schuster (USC) 3-34; Schultz (STAN) 2-20.

GAME 4 – September 23, Salt Lake City, Utah
Utah 31, USC 27
Att: 46,133

USC	**7**	**10**	**7**	**3**	**--**	**27**
Utah	**7**	**3**	**7**	**14**	**--**	**31**

WR Tim Patrick caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from QB Troy Williams with 16 seconds to play to help No. 24 Utah overcome a 10-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter and defeat USC, 31-27, on a drizzling, chilly (mid-40s) Friday night in front of a sold-out crowd of 46,133 fans in Salt Lake City and a FS1 national television audience.

It was Troy's second straight visit to Utah that resulted in a last-second loss (in 2014, it came on a TD pass with 8 seconds to go). The loss pushed USC to its slowest start (1-3) since 2001.

Utah turned a recovery of a Trojan fumble on the game's opening series into a 10-yard TD run by Williams. But USC CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** raced 100 yards with the ensuing kickoff to tie the score (it was his third career scoring kick return, including a school record-tying 2 that covered 100 yards, with the other in 2014 also at Utah). The Utes tacked on a 36-yard field goal by PK Andy Phllips midway through the second quarter after recovering their third USC fumble. But USC countered with a 14-yard TD run by TB **Justin Davis** followed by a 32-yard field goal by PK **Matt Boermeester** just before halftime.

The Trojans built their lead to 24-10 midway into the third quarter as QB **Sam Darnold** raced for an 8-yard TD, but Utah answered right back by driving 85 yards, with OG Isaac Asiata recovering a short Ute fumble in the end zone. Boermeester tacked on a 43-yard field goal at the top of the fourth quarter for a 27-17 USC edge.

But Utah used 2 long TD drives on their only possessions of the final quarter, first seeing Williams hit WR Raelon Singleton with a 10-yard scoring toss with 9:45 to play before throwing the game-winner to Patrick that capped a 15-play, 93-yard drive in which the Utes converted a pair of fourth downs.

Utah ran off 22 more plays (81) than USC and held the ball 37:29. The Trojans had the ball just 9:21 in the first half (only 2:33 in the first quarter) while fumbling away the ball on its first 3 possessions, each while driving in Utah territory. The Utes also had 30 first downs to USC's 22 and although they converted just 5-of-13 third downs, they were good on all 4 of their fourth down tries (including 3 times in the fourth quarter). Despite all that, USC had a season-best 466 total yards while averaging 7.9 yards per play, converted 6-of-10 third downs and punted only once.

Darnold was impressive in his first career start (he became just the sixth USC redshirt freshman to start at quarterback; 3 true frosh have also done so), hitting 18-of-26 passes for 253 yards and he added 41 yards on 9 runs. Davis ran for a game-high 126 yards on just 10 carries, his fourth career 100-yard outing. WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** caught a game-best 8 passes for 98 yards and WR **Darreus Rogers** added 5 grabs for 58 yards. ILB **Cameron Smith** had a game-high 15 tackles with a forced fumble and pass deflection, Utah native DE **Porter Gustin** added 13 tackles, DT **Stevie Tu'ikolovatu** (who transferred to USC from Utah) had 9 stops and Jackson had 7 tackles, 2 deflections and a fumble recovery.

For Utah, Williams was 21-of-34 for 270 yards, Patrick caught 6 passes for 100 yards and RB Zack Moss had 90 yards on 23 carries while RB Armand Shyne added 62 yards on 14 carries.

SCORING

First Quarter

UTAH -- Williams 10-yard run (Phillips kick)

USC -- Jackson 100-yard kickoff return (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

UTAH -- Phillips 36-yard field goal

USC -- J. Davis 14-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC -- Boermeester 32-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Darnold 8-yard run (Boermeester kick)

UTAH -- Asiata fumble recovery in end zone (Phillips kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 43-yard field goal

UTAH -- Singleton 10-yard pass from Williams (Phillips kick)

UTAH -- Patrick 18-yard pass from Williams (Phillips kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
22	First Downs	30
213	Net Yards Rushing	186
253	Net Yards Passing	270
26	Passes Attempted	34
18	Passes Completed	21
0	Had Intercepted	0
59	Total Plays	81
466	Total Yards	456
1/30.0	Punts/Avg	3/49.7
3/3	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
7/49	Penalties/Yards	5/43
22:21	Time of Possession	37:39

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 10-126; Moss (UTAH) 23-90; Shyne (UTAH) 14-62; Darnold (USC) 9-41; Ware (USC) 5-20; Williams (UTAH) 7-17; R. Jones (USC) 8-15; Butler-Byrd (UTAH) 1-15; Jackson (USC) 1-11.

PASSING – Williams (UTAH) 21-34-270; Darnold (USC) 18-26-253.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 8-98; Patrick (UTAH) 6-100; Rogers (USC) 5-58; Butler-Byrd (UTAH) 4-49; Singleton (UTAH) 3-42; Mitchell (USC) 2-45; Moeai (UTAH) 2-20.

GAME 5 – October 1, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 41, Arizona State 20
Att: 71,214

Arizona State	6	0	0	14	--	20
USC	7	20	14	0	--	41

QB **Sam Darnold** threw for 352 yards, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** caught 3 TD passes, TB **Justin Davis** ran for 123 yards with a score and USC's defense shut down Arizona State's high-powered offense while giving the Sun Devils their first loss of 2016, 41-20, before 71,214 fans in the Coliseum and a FOX national television audience.

It was USC's fifth consecutive home victory, its most since 12 straight from 2007 to 2009.

USC piled up a season-high 523 total yards (averaging 7.6 yards per play), including 157 rushing against an ASU defense that was allowing just 95.0 on the ground. And Troy held an ASU offense that was averaging 48.8 points and 507.8 total yards (including 236.5 rushing) to season lows in points and total yards (303, including just 75 on the ground). USC had 23 first downs to ASU's 16, but the Trojans converted just 3-of-13 third downs.

After PK Zane Gonzalez gave the Sun Devils a 3-0 lead midway through the opening quarter, USC converted an interception by CB **Jonathan Lockett** into a 5-yard Darnold TD pass to Smith-Schuster to cap a 95-yard drive. But ASU answered right back at the end of the quarter with a 34-yard Gonzalez field goal, giving him the Pac-12 career field goal record.

USC then went on a 34-point scoring binge, including getting 20 points on all 4 of its second quarter possessions. Darnold and Smith-Schuster hooked up on a 3-yard scoring pass midway through the quarter, then PK **Matt Boermeester** nailed a carreer-long 49-yard field goal, followed by a 37-yard TD run by Davis and a 46-yard Boermeester field goal with 20 second left in the half. In the third quarter, Smith-Schuster turned a short hitch pass from Darnold into a 67-yard cut-back-against-the-grain score. On USC's next drive, Darnold ran for a 3-yard TD midway through the third quarter.

ASU scored twice in the fouth quarter against USC's reserves, for on a 13-yard pass from QB Brady White to TE Raymond Epps and then on a 10-yard run by RB Nick Ralston late in the game.

Darnold completed 23-of-33 passes, Davis' yards came on just 14 carries (for an 8.8 average) and Smith-Schuster (123 yards) and WR **Deontay Burnett** (93 yards) each had 7 receptions. Lockett and CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** each had a team-best 5 tackles.

For ASU, QB Manny Wilkins was 13-of-24 for 148 yards before leaving the game with an injury late in the first half, WR Tim White (whose father, Timmy, played at USC, as did his uncle, Lonnie) caught 7 passes for 84 yards and returned 4 kickoffs for 65 yards and Ralston rushed for 46 yards on 12 tries.

It was USC's 600th game in the Coliseum. USC's Rio Olympians were saluted at halftime (Allyson Felix, USC's most decorated Olympian, became the first woman to run the Trojans out of the tunnel prior to the game).

SCORING

First Quarter

ASU -- Gonzalez 40-yard field goal
USC -- Smith-Schuster 5-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
ASU -- Gonzalez 34-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- Smith-Schuster 3-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
USC -- Boermeester 49-yard field goal
USC -- J. Davis 37-yard run (Boermeester kick)
USC -- Boermeester 46-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC --Smith-Schuster 67-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
USC -- Darnold 3-yard run (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

ASU -- Epps 13-yard pass from B. White (Gonzalez kick)
ASU -- Ralston 10-yard run (Gonzalez kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
23	First Downs	16
157	Net Yards Rushing	75
366	Net Yards Passing	228
36	Passes Attempted	37
24	Passes Completed	19
0	Had Intercepted	1
69	Total Plays	70
523	Total Yards	303
3/36.3	Punts/Avg	7/42.3
3/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
7/68	Penalties/Yards	5/75
29:33	Time of Possession	30:27

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 14-123; Ralston (ASU) 12-46; R. Jones (USC) 5-20; Richard (ASU) 7-26.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 23-33-352; Wilkins (ASU) 13-24-148; B. White (ASU) 6-13-80; Browne (USC) 1-2-14.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 7-123; Burnett (USC) 7-93; T. White (ASU) 7-84; Harry (ASU) 4-27; Harvey (ASU) 3-67; J. Davis (USC) 2-38; Richard (ASU) 2-22; Pittman (USC) 2-21; Mitchell (USC) 2-17.

GAME 6 – October 8, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 21, Colorado 17
Att: 68,302

Colorado	0	0	7	10	--	17
USC	7	7	0	7	--	21

QB **Sam Darnold** threw for a career-best 358 yards with 3 touchdowns, including a pair to TE **Tyler Petite**, and USC's defense shut down a potent Buffalo offense to help the Trojans defeat No. 21 Colorado, 21-17, on a hot day (90 degrees) in the Coliseum in front of 68,302 fans and a Pac-12 Network audience.

It kept Troy undefeated in 11 tries against Colorado.

USC piled up a season-high 548 yards of total offense against a Buffalo defense that was allowing just 290.4 total yards (including only 150.4 passing). And the Trojans limited CU's offense, which was averaging 531.2 total yards (218.6 rushing) and 43.2 points, to just 371 total yards (only 96 rushing). USC had more first downs (28 to 20) and plays (80 to 73), held the ball 32:18, was penalized just twice, posted 4 sacks and limited CU to 6-of-17 on third down conversions, but Troy had 4 turnovers, including 3 while driving in Buffalo territory (one lost fumble went into the CU end zone).

USC held a 14-0 halftime lead on Darnold TD throws to TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (32 yards) late in the first quarter and then to Petite (11 yards after scrambling with a botched handoff) late in the half, the first time since 2011 that a pair of USC tight ends caught TD passes in a game (Randall Telfer and Xavier Grimble versus Syracuse).

But on the play after recovering a Trojan fumble early in the second half, Colorado TB Phillip Lindsay took a lateral and threw a 67-yard TD pass to WR Bryce Bobo. CU tied the game early in the fourth quarter on Bobo's 10-yard grab of a pass from QB Steven Montez. But on the ensuing possession, the Trojans drove 70 yards, capped by Darnold's 7-yard TD toss to Petite. The Buffaloes responded with a 42-yard field goal by PK Davis Price with 4:49 to go, but USC was able to run out the clock.

Darnold completed 25-of-37 aerials to become the first USC freshman to have back-to-back 300-yard passing games (he had 352 versus Arizona State the previous week) since Todd Marinovich in 1989 did so versus Notre Dame and Stanford, but Darnold lost 2 fumbles and threw an interception. WR **Steven Mitchell** had 6 receptions for 63 yards, while WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** added 5 grabs for 113 yards. TB **Justin Davis** ran for a game-best 92 yards on 13 carries before going out with an ankle injury in the third quarter.

OLB **Uchenna Nwosu** led USC with a career-high 10 tackles, with a sack, and had 2 deflections, CB **Iman Marshall** added 9 tackles and CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** had 6 tackles and a spectacular tip-toe-the-sideline interception to go along with a 38-yard kickoff return (to tie him for the USC career kickoff return yardage record) and 4 punt returns for 50 yards.

For Colorado, Montez was 25-of-40 for 197 yards, including 10 that were caught by Bobo for 83 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- D. Imatorbhebhe 32-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Petite 11-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

COLO -- Lindsay 67-yard pass from Bobo (Price kick)

Fourth Quarter

COLO -- Bobo 10-yard pass from Montez (Price kick)
USC -- Petite 7-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)
COLO -- Price 42-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
28	First Downs	20
190	Net Yards Rushing	96
358	Net Yards Passing	275
37	Passes Attempted	44
25	Passes Completed	28
1	Had Intercepted	1
80	Total Plays	73
548	Total Yards	371
3/39.3	Punts/Avg	7/42.1
4/3	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
2/22	Penalties/Yards	5/26
32:18	Time of Possession	27:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 13-92; Lindsay (COLO) 11-57; R. Jones (USC) 10-56; Ware (USC) 8-25; Montez (COLO) 13-25; Darnold (USC) 8-22.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 25-37-358; Montez (COLO) 25-40-197; Liufau (COLO) 2-3-11; Bobo (COLO) 1-1-67.

RECEIVING – Bobo (COLO) 10-83; Lindsay (COLO) 6-105; Mitchell (USC) 6-63; Ross (COLO) 6-48; Smith-Schuster (USC) 5-113; Burnett (USC) 5-34; Rogers (USC) 4-76; Fields (COLO) 4-32; D. Imatorbhebhe (USC) 2-45; Petite (USC) 2-18.

GAME 7 – October 15, Tucson, Arizona
USC 48, Arizona 14
Att: 55,463

USC	14	20	7	7	--	48
Arizona	7	0	0	7	--	14

QB **Sam Darnold** threw a USC freshman record 5 touchdowns, including 3 to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, and the Trojan defense came up with 4 turnovers as USC won its first road game of 2016, 48-14, at Arizona on a hot (93 degrees) afternoon in front of an announced sold-out crowd of 55,463 (although only half showed up and most were gone by halftime) and a FOX national TV audience.

USC's offense rolled up 500-plus yards for the third consecutive week (574, while averaging 7.4 yards per play), including 320 rushing (its most since getting 342 against San Jose State in 2009). Troy held the ball 35:24, converted 7-of-13 third downs and had no turnovers. Arizona had 343 total yards, but just 134 in the first half (only 4 passing while hitting 1-of-7 attempts) to trail 34-7 before USC substituted liberally in the second half.

The teams traded touchdows early in the contest, with TB **Ronald Jones** getting a 5-yard scoring run on USC's game-opening drive and then Wildcat true freshman QB Khalil Tate getting a 3-yard TD run later in the first quarter. USC then scored the next 5 TDs (all on Darnold passes), first an 11-yarder by WR **Deontay Burnett** from a scrambling Darnold at the end of the first quarter, then an 8-yarder by TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** after CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson's** fumble recovery on Arizona's ensuing possession and finally a trio to Smith-Schuster (3 yards after an interception by CB **Iman Marshall** and 39 yards to cap consecutive drives to end the first half and 46 yards on USC's first series of the second half). After Matt Morin, an Arizona tight end working at quarterback, threw a 7-yard TD to WR Samajie Grant early in the fourth quarter against USC's reserves, USC countered with a 21-yard TD run by TB **Aca'Cedric Ware**.

Darnold was 20-of-32 passing for 235 yards and added 54 yards on 6 runs (the most rushing yards in a game by a USC quarterback since Carson Palmer's 60 versus Kansas State in 2001) while playing just the first 3 quarters. Smith-Schuster had 9 receptions for 132 yards. Ware had a game-high and career-best 103 yards on 12 carries, while TB **Dominic Davis** added a career-high 89 yards on 7 tries (including an 85-yard run, USC's longest since LaVale Woods' 96-yarder versus Oregon State in 1996) and Jones had 77 yards on 16 carries while starting. S **Chris Hawkins** led USC with 5 stops and a forced fumble, while late in the game CB **Ajene Harris** had an interception and DE **Connor Murphy** had a fumble recovery.

Tate led Arizona with 72 yards on 14 rushes and completed 7-of-18 passes for 58 yards, while Morin was 4-of-8 for 84 yards.

It was the 100th anniversary of the first USC-Arizona game.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- R. Jones 5-yard run (Boermeester kick)

ARIZ -- Tate 3-yard run (Pollack kick)

USC -- Burnett 11-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- D. Imatorbhebhe 8-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

USC -- Smith-Schuster 3-yard pass from Darnold (team run failed)

USC --Smith-Schuster 39-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Smith-Schuster 46-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

ARIZ -- Grant 7-yard pass from Morin (Pollack kick)

USC -- Ware 21-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
25	First Downs	20
320	Net Yards Rushing	201
254	Net Yards Passing	142
35	Passes Attempted	26
22	Passes Completed	11
0	Had Intercepted	2
78	Total Plays	70
574	Total Yards	343
4/36.2	Punts/Avg	5/44.6
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	3/2
8/98	Penalties/Yards	4/35
35:24	Time of Possession	24:36

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Ware (USC) 12-103; D. Avis (USC) 7-89; R. Jones (USC) 16-77; Tate (ARIZ) 14-72; Darnold (USC) 6-54; Wilson (ARIZ) 6-47; Green (ARIZ) 14-46.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 20-32-235; Morin (ARIZ) 4-8-84; Tate (ARIZ) 7-18-58; Browne (USC) 2-2-19; Greene (USC) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Smmith-Schuster (USC) 9-132; Rogers (USC) 5-42; Phillips (ARIZ) 3-39; Grant (ARIZ) 3-23; Hampton (USC) 2-16.

GAME 8 – October 27, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 45, California 24
Att: 61,725

California	0	10	7	7	--	24
USC	14	14	14	3	--	45

TB **Ronald Jones II** ran for a career-high 223 yards and scored twice, while QB **Sam Darnold** threw 5 TD passes to lead USC to a dominant 45-24 victory over California in a Thursday night game in the Coliseum in front of 61,725 fans and an ESPN audience.

It kept the Trojans, coming off a bye, undefeated against the Golden Bears since 2003. It was just USC's fourth non-holiday Thursday home game.

Jones' yardage came on 18 carries for a 12.4 average per rush and included non-scoring bursts of 61 (on USC's opening play) and 42 yards (he also caught 2 passes for 18 yards). It was the most rushing yards by a Trojan since Allen Bradford also had 223 yards against Washington in 2010. Jones became the 18th Trojan to eclipse the 200-yard rushing barrier (accomplished 45 times by those runners) and the first since Javorius Allen had 205 yards against Arizona in 2014.

Fellow TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** ran for a career-best for the second consecutive week, getting 130 yards on 20 carries, which marked the first time that a pair of Trojans rushed for at least 100 yards in a game since the 2013 Oregon State contest when Silas Redd had 140 and Allen had 135.

Darnold completed 72.0% of his passes (18-of-25) for 231 yards, but he threw a late interception and lost fumbles twice to set up Cal scores. After also throwing 5 TDs the previous game at Arizona, Darnold became the first Trojan to throw 5 scores in back-to-back games. It was his fourth straight outing with at least 3 TD passes. He set the USC season freshman touchdown pass record.

WRs **Darreus Rogers** (career-high 97 yards) and **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (66 yards) each had 6 receptions, with Rogers catching a pair of touchdowns.

USC rolled up a season-high 629 total yards, its fourth straight game with at least 500 yards and its most since getting 737 against Idaho in 2015 (it was also the most allowed by Cal in 2016). Troy averaged 8.9 yards per play. The Trojans ran for 398 yards, their most since getting 430 against UCLA in 2005. After running for 320 yards at Arizona, it was USC's first back-to-back 300-yard rushing performances since 2005 (208 versus Fresno State followed by that UCLA game). USC was penalized 13 times, its most since getting 14 against Cal in 2014.

USC built a 21-0 lead before Cal scored and Troy held a 28-10 halftime lead while compiling 451 total yards (260 rushing) and 21 first downs. Jones had 149 of his rushing yards in the opening half and Darnold hit 13-of-18 passes in that half.

Darnold hit Rogers for a 3-yard score on USC's first possession and he came right back with a 16-yard TD toss to Jones on the next series to cap a 95-yard drive. He then hit WR **Deontay Burnett** for a 13-yard TD early in the second quarter. Cal took advantage of Darnold's fumbles by scoring on consecutive drives later in the half, first a 22-yard pass from QB Davis Webb to RB Tre Watson and then a 27-yard field goal by PK Matt Anderson. But USC responded late in the half on another Darnold-to-Rogers TD toss, this one for 20 yards.

Cal scored on its first possession of the second half on a 1-yard run by Webb to pull within 11 again, but USC countered with touchdowns on its next 2 series, first a 37-yard Jones run and then a 17-yard Darnold pass to TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** late in the third quarter. Cal countered with a 16-yard Davis scoring aerial to WR Melquise Stovall early in the fourth quarter. USC PK **Matt Boermeester** tacked on a 32-yard field goal late in the game to close out the scoring.

Cal ended up with 475 total yards (333 passing), but was just 3-of-12 on third down conversions (0-of-5 in the first half). Its points were a season low (the Bears were averaging 43.7). Webb was 34-of-53 for 333 yards with 2 TDs and an interception. Stovall (87 yards) and WR Demetris Robertson (92 yards) each had 9 receptions, while RB Khalfani Muhammad ran for 89 yards on 15 carries.

S **Marvell Tell III** had 8 tackles, a pick and a deflection for USC, while S **Leon McQuay III** had 8 stops (1 for a loss) and OLB **Uchenna Nwosu** had 7 tackles and a forced fumble (recovered by CB **Ajene Harris**). CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, with 2 kick returns for 56 yards, became USC's career kickoff return yardage leader.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Rogers 3-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

USC -- R. Jones 16-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Burnett 13-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

CAL -- Watson 22-yard pass from Webb (Anderson kick)

CAL -- Anderson 27-yard field goal

USC -- Rogers 20-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

CAL --Webb 1-yard run (Anderson kick)

USC -- R. Jones 27-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC -- D. Imatorbhebhe 17-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

CAL -- Stovall 16-yard pass from Webb (Anderson kick)

USC -- Boermeester 32-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
31	First Downs	29
398	Net Yards Rushing	142
231	Net Yards Passing	333
25	Passes Attempted	53
18	Passes Completed	34
1	Had Intercepted	1
73	Total Plays	83
629	Total Yards	475
2/37.5	Punts/Avg	4/44.5
3/2	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
13/125	Penalties/Yards	7/65
31:51	Time of Possession	28:09

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – R. Jones (USC) 18-223; Ware (USC) 20-130; Muhammad (CAL) 15-89; Watson (CAL) 11-33; Smith-Schuster (USC) 2-25.

PASSING – Webb (CAL) 34-523-333; Darnold (USC) 18-25-231.

RECEIVING – Robertson (CAL) 9-92; Stovall (CAL) 9-87; Rogers (USC) 6-97; Smith-Schuster (USC) 6-66; Austin (CAL) 3-37; Rivera (CAL) 3-31.

GAME 9 – November 5, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 45, Oregon 20
Att: 74,625

Oregon	**6**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**--**	**20**
USC	**17**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**--**	**45**

TB **Ronald Jones II** tied a USC game record by rushing for 4 touchdowns, QB **Sam Darnold** threw 2 TDs and USC's defense shut down Oregon's potent offense as the Trojans posted a 45-20 victory over the Ducks in front of 74,625 Homecoming fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

Jones had scoring runs of 23, 3, 66 and 1 yards to become the 14th Trojan to run for 4 TDs in a game (most recently, LenDale White versus Arizona in 2005).

Troy's defense limited the Ducks, who came into the game averaging 519.1 total yards (248.0 rushing) and 40.5 points, to their fewest total yards since 2009 (288, including 85 rushing) and a season-low point total. USC had 579 total yards (the fifth straight game over 500 yards) while averaging 7.1 yards on its 81 plays, 28 first downs, 34:51 of possession time, 9-of-14 third down conversions and 3 sacks. Oregon had just 19 first downs, 67 plays and converted only 5-of-16 third downs, while punting 8 times (its most since 2012).

USC scored on its first 3 possessions, building a 17-0 lead on a 35-yard field goal by PK **Matt Boermeester** field goal and Jones' first 2 TD runs (23 and 3 yards), before Oregon countered on a 25-yard reverse run by WR Charles Nelson late in the first quarter. Darnold hit WR **Deontay Burnett** with a 2-yard scoring toss late in the first half to give USC a 24-6 halftime edge, then Jones jetted 66 yards on the third play after the intermission. Oregon responded on its next series, with QB Justin Herbert hitting TE Pharaoh Brown for a 5-yard touchdown to cap a 12-play, 80-yard drive. USC then scored on consecutive possessions, first on Darnold's 7-yard TD strike to TE **Taylor McNamara** late in the third quarter and then on Jones' final TD run (1 yard). Oregon got a late TD against USC's backups on a 15-yard run by QB Dakota Prukop (whose grandfather played at USC).

Jones ran for 171 yards on a career-high 20 carries (8.6 average per rush), Darnold hit 70.0% of his throws (28-of-40, both career highs) for 309 yards but had an interception and Burnett caught a game-high and career-best 7 passes for 87 yards. ILB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 8 tackles and 2 deflections, while S **Chris Hawkins** had 7 stops and DT **Rasheem Green** had 1.5 sacks among his 6 tackles.

For Oregon, Herbert was 18-of-33 for 162 yards, including 5 completions to Brown for 30 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 35-yard field goal

USC -- R. Jones 23-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC -- R. Jones 3-yard run (Boermeester kick)

ORE -- Nelson 25-yard run (Schneider kick missed)

Second Quarter

USC -- Burnett 2-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- R. Jones 66-yard run (Boermeester kick)

ORE -- P. Brown 5-yard pass from Herbert (Schneider kick)

USC -- McNamara 7-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- R. Jones 1-yard run (Boermeester kick)

ORE -- Prukop 15-yard run (Schneider kick)

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON
28	First Downs	19
270	Net Yards Rushing	85
309	Net Yards Passing	203
41	Passes Attempted	37
28	Passes Completed	20
1	Had Intercepted	0
81	Total Plays	67
579	Total Yards	288
4/39.8	Punts/Avg	8/36.6
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
13/129	Penalties/Yards	7/43
34:51	Time of Possession	25:09

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – R. Jones (USC) 20-171; Toland (USC) 8-49; Freeman (ORE) 10-38; D. Davis (USC) 6-28; Brooks-James (ORE) 8-25; Nelson (ORE) 1-25; Darnold (USC) 5-23.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 28-40-309; Herbert (ORE) 18-33-162; Prukop (ORE) 2-4-41; Browne (USC) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Burnett (USC) 7-87; P. Brown (ORE) 5-30; Pittman (USC) 4-61; McNamara (USC) 4-47; Rogers (USC) 4-33; Brooks-James (ORE) 4-26; Mundt (ORE) 3-28; J. Brown (ORE) 2-64; D. Imatorbhebhe (USC) 2-37; R. Jones (USC) 2-26; Smith-Schuster (USC) 2-10; Freeman (ORE) 2-9; D. Davis (USC) 2-5.

GAME 10 – November 12, Seattle, Washington
USC 26, Washington 13
Att: 72,364

USC	**3**	**14**	**0**	**9**	**--**	**26**
Washington	**3**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**--**	**13**

QB **Sam Darnold** threw a pair of touchdown passes, CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** picked off 2 passes and the Trojan defense allowed just 17 rushing yards as USC upset No. 4 Washington, 26-13, in front of a sold out crowd of 72,364 fans in loud, chilly Husky Stadium and a FOX national TV audience.

It snapped the Huskies' 12-game winning streak and dampened their hopes for a College Football Playoff berth, while extending USC's win streak to 6 and kept Troy alive in the Pac-12 South race.

USC shut down a Washington offense that was second nationally in scoring (48.3) and was averaging 499.4 total yards. The Huskies managed just 276 total yards (they entered the game leading the Pac-12 in rushing at 231.0). It was the fewest rushing yards allowed by USC since Washington State had 7 in 2013 and it was Washington's lowest rushing total since minus 5 versus Arizona State in 2013. Washington QB Jake Browning, the nation's passing efficiency leader who was regarded as a Heisman Trophy contender, completed just 47.2% of his passes (17-of-36) for 259 yards but was intercepted twice (he had thrown just 3 picks all year). And USC's offense had 400 yards against a Husky defense that was allowing just 329.8 yards and 17.0 points. USC was in control almost the entire game.

The teams traded field goals late in the first quarter, first a 43-yarder by Washington PK Cameron Van Winkle followed on the following series by USC PK **Matt Boermeester's** 38-yarder. The Huskies had outscored opponents, 128-20, in the first quarter in 2016.

Following an interception by Jackson early in the second quarter, Darnold connected with WR **Darreus Rogers** on a 13-yard TD, the first time the Huskies trailed at home in 2016. Van Winkle hit a 39-yard field goal on the ensuing drive, but USC answered with a 4-yard scoring run by TB **Ronald Jones II** with 28 seconds to play in the half to give the Trojans a 17-6 lead, the first time in 2016 that Washington trailed at the intermission.

Browning hit WR John Ross on a 70-yard TD midway through the third quarter and the Huskies got the ball back 2 plays later on Darnold's second intercepted pass, but DT **Rasheem Green** blocked a Van Winkle field goal try and the Trojans turned that into another TD, this one on an 8-yard Darnold pass to TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** at the top of the fourth quarter. USC added a safety with 58 seconds to go when Browning went down in his end zone.

USC had more first downs (21 to 13), held the ball for 32:37, converted 7-of-13 third downs (UW was just 6-of-17) and sacked Browning 3 times.

Darnold completed 69.7% of his throws (23-of-33) for 287 yards, Jones ran for 93 yards on a career-high 23 carries, Rogers had 6 catches for 84 yards and Imatorbhebhe added 5 grabs for 78 yards. ILB **Michael Hutchings** had a game-best 9 tackles and OLB **Porter Gustin** had 2 sacks.

For UW, Ross had 8 receptions for 154 yards and TB Myles Gaskin ran for 51 yards on 15 tries.

It was USC's first visit to Husky Stadium since 2009. The crowd was the largest in Husky Stadium since it was renovated in 2013. ESPN's pre-game College GameDay show broadcast from the UW campus that morning.

SCORING

First Quarter

WASH -- Van Winkle 43-yard field goal

USC -- Boermeester 38-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- Rogers 13-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

WASH -- Van Winkle 39-yard field goal

USC -- R. Jones 4-yard run (Boermeester kick)

Third Quarter

WASH -- Ross 70-yard pass from Browning (Van Winkle kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- D. Imatorbhebhe 8-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

USC -- Team safety (Browning falls in end zone)

USC	STATISTICS	WASHINGTON
21	First Downs	13
113	Net Yards Rushing	17
287	Net Yards Passing	259
33	Passes Attempted	37
23	Passes Completed	17
2	Had Intercepted	2
69	Total Plays	64
400	Total Yards	276
4/31.8	Punts/Avg	4/34.5
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/40	Penalties/Yards	3/35
32:37	Time of Possession	27:23

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – R. Jones (USC) 23-93; Gaskin (WASH) 15-51.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 23-33-287; Browning (WASH) 17-36-259; Pettis (WASH) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING –Ross (WASH) 8-154; Rogers (USC) 6-84; D. Imatorbhebhe (USC) 5-78; Burnett (USC) 4-67; Smitch-Schuster (USC) 3-41; McClatcher (WASH) 2-45; Pettis (WASH) 2-22; Gaskin (WASH) 2-22; J. Davis (USC) 2-1.

GAME 11 – November 19, Pasadena, California
USC 36, UCLA 14
Att: 71,137

USC	**7**	**16**	**7**	**6**	**--**	**36**
UCLA	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**--**	**14**

TB **Ronald Jones II** rushed for a pair of touchdowns, WR **De'Quan Hampton** caught a pair of TDs from QB **Sam Darnold** and PK **Matt Boermeester** kicked 3 field goals as No. 15 USC held the ball nearly 44 minutes, limited the Bruins to just 266 total yards and scored the game's final 29 points to post a decisive 36-14 victory over crosstown rival UCLA on a chilly night in the Rose Bowl before 71,137 fans and an ESPN audience.

The win kept the Trojans alive in the Pac-12 South Division race. It was USC's most points against the Bruins in the Rose Bowl since 2002 and it was UCLA's biggest losing margin of 2016.

USC rolled up 527 total yards (260 rushing) against a Bruin defense that was yielding just 356.1 overall and 160.3 on the ground. Troy had 326 total yards at halftime (163 rushing). USC had 31 first downs to UCLA's 10 (the fewest allowed by the Trojans since California had 10 in 2010) and ran off 95 plays to UCLA's 51 (USC's most since getting 95 versus Arizona State in 2014 and fewest allowed since Boston College had 50 in 2013) while holding the ball for 43:47 (USC's most since at least 1984 when records were available). The Trojans converted 12-of-21 third downs to UCLA's 2-of-11.

The teams traded TDs on their first possessions, with Bruin QB Mike Fafaul hitting WR Jordan Lasley for a 56-yard score on the game's fourth play and USC responding with a 1-yard scoring run by Jones. DT **Rasheem Green** blocked a UCLA field goal try at the top of the second quarter, but the Bruins got the ball right back following an interception, leading to a 7-yard Fafaul-to-Lasley touchdown.

But the Trojans then went on their 29-point scoring binge. On third-and-1 on the ensuing possession, Jones burst 60 yards for a TD. Then Hampton leaped high to snag a 31-yard Darnold TD toss on USC's next series and the Trojans closed out the half with a 30-yard Boermeester field goal with 8 seconds left to go up 23-14.

UCLA had the ball only 5:56 of the second half and managed just 102 total yards (only 10 rushing). USC scored on its first 3 drives of the second half, first on a 6-yard Darnold-to-Hampton touchdown pass, then on Boermeester field goals of 32 and 25 yards in the fourth quarter.

Overall, Jones ran for 121 yards on 18 carries, Darnold was 25-of-36 for 267 yards (but threw 2 picks) and WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** had 8 receptions for 76 yards despite coming in and out of the game several times with a hip injury. CB **Ajene Harris** led USC with 5 tackles.

Fafaul was 15-of-31 passing for 181 yards, including 6 passes to WR Darren Andrews for 62 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

UCLA -- Lasley 56-yard pass from Fafaul (Molson kick)

USC -- R. Jones 1-yard run (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

UCLA -- Lasley 7-yard pass from Fafaul (Molson kick)

USC -- R. Jones 60-yard run (Boermeester kick)

USC -- Hampton 31-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick missed)

USC -- Boermeester 30-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Hampton 6-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 32-yard field goal

USC -- Boermeester 25-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
31	First Downs	10
260	Net Yards Rushing	55
267	Net Yards Passing	211
37	Passes Attempted	32
25	Passes Completed	16
2	Had Intercepted	0
95	Total Plays	51
527	Total Yards	266
2/38.0	Punts/Avg	7/40.0
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
7/39	Penalties/Yards	3/44
43:47	Time of Possession	16:13

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – R. Jones (USC) 18-121; J. Davis (USC) 15-48; Darnold (USC) 9-27; Ware (USC) 6-23; Toland (USC) 5-20; Olorunfunmi (UCLA) 5-20; J. Starks (UCLA) 6-20.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 25-36-267; Fafaul (UCLA) 15-31-181; Lasley (UCLA) 1-1-30.

RECEIVING –Smith-Schuster (USC) 8-76; Andrews (UCLA) 6-62; Wilson (UCLA) 4-38; Hampton (USC) 3-51; Rogers (USC) 3-34; Burnett (USC) 3-28; Lasley (UCLA) 2-63; D. Imatorbhebhe (USC) 2-27.

GAME 12 – November 26, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 45, Notre Dame 27
Att: 72,402

Notre Dame	**7**	**0**	**14**	**6**	**--**	**27**
USC	**10**	**14**	**14**	**7**	**--**	**45**

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** scored touchdowns on a punt return, kickoff return and pass reception, TB **Ronald Jones II** ran for 134 yards with a score and QB **Sam Darnold** threw a pair of TDs, while the Trojan defense posted 6 sacks and limited the Irish to 5-of-17 third down conversions, as No. 12 USC beat intersectional rival Notre Dame, 45-27, on a rainy, cool afternoon in front of 72,402 fans in the Coliseum and an ABC-TV audience.

It was the Irish's largest loss in a game since a 49-14 defeat to USC in 2014 and marked the first time that ND came to the Coliseum with a losing record since 1986. It also gave USC its first perfect home record (6-0) in a season since 2008 and was just the 20th time that the Trojans defeated both rivals UCLA and Notre Dame in a season (the first since 2011). It was the final home game for 15 USC seniors.

After PK **Matt Boermeester** got USC on the board on the game's opening series with a 37-yard field goal, Notre Dame struck back quickly on QB DeShone Kizer's 1-yard run, just 1 snap after RB Josh Adams raced 74 yards on ND's first play. But USC answered right back as Jones jetted 51 yards for a score. Then, in the final 2 minutes of the first half, USC scored twice within 17 seconds to go up 24-7, first on Jackson's 55-yard punt return (the fourth scoring punt runback in his career to tie a school record) and then 2 plays later on CB **Ajene Harris'** 33-yard interception return.

Notre Dame turned a fumble recovery early in the second half into a TD, as Kizer hit WR Chris Finke for a 14-yard score. But USC responded on its following possession, with Jackson taking a Darnold pass 52 yards for a touchdown. After Kizer hit WR Kevin Stepherson for a 29-yard TD late in the third quarter, Jackson took the ensuing kickoff back 97 yards for a touchdown. USC scored again on its next possession after CB **Jack Jones** recovered a fumble and then Darnold found WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** for a 2-yard TD. The Irish closed the scoring late in the game against USC's reserves on QB Malik Zaire's 15-yard TD toss to WR Equanimeous St. Brown.

Statistically, the game was even as USC had slightly more yards (412 to 408, including 207 rushing yards by Troy) despite having 8 less plays than Notre Dame's 76 and both teams had 23 first downs.

Jackson had 291 all-purpose yards (161 on 4 kickoff returns and 66 on 3 punt returns along with the 52-yard reception and a 12-yard rush) and became the first Trojan since at least 1956 to having scoring kick and punt runbacks in a game. Jones's 134 rushing yards came on 16 carries (an 8.4 yard average per rush) and he eclipsed the 1,000-yard season rushing barrier. Darnold was 19-of-29 for 205 yards. ILB **Cameron Smith** had a game-best 10 tackles, while DE **Porter Gustin** added 8 stops, including 1.5 sacks.

For Notre Dame, Adams had 180 yards on 17 tries (a 10.6 average), the most yards by a runner against USC in 2016, along with 2 catches for 30 yards, while Kizer threw for 220 yards on 17-of-32 passing and St. Brown had 7 receptions for 94 yards.

Referee Ron Cherry left the game late in the third quarter after suffering a concussion when accidentally run into by a Trojan.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Boermeester 37-yard field goal

ND -- Kizer 1-yard run (Yoon kick)

USC -- R. Jones 51-yard run (Boermeester kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Jackson 55-yard punt return

USC -- Harris 33-yard interception return

Third Quarter

ND -- Finke 14-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

USC -- Jackson 52-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

ND -- Stepherson 29-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

USC -- Jackson 97-yard kickoff return (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Smith-Schuster 2-yard pass from Darnold (Boermeester kick)

ND -- St. Brown 15-yard pass from Zaire (Williams run failed)

USC	STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME
23	First Downs	23
207	Net Yards Rushing	154
205	Net Yards Passing	254
30	Passes Attempted	39
19	Passes Completed	21
0	Had Intercepted	1
68	Total Plays	76
412	Total Yards	408
6/38.5	Punts/Avg	6/38.5
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/65	Penalties/Yards	6/54
31:03	Time of Possession	28:57

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Adams (ND) 17-189; R. Jones (USC) 16-134; J. Davis (USC) 10-36.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 19-29-205; Kizer (ND) 17-32-220; Zaire (ND) 3-5-30; Finke (ND) 1-2-4; Browne (USC) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING –St. Brown (ND) 7-94; Burnett (USC) 5-34; Finke (ND) 4-53; Rogers (USC) 4-49; Holmes (ND) 4-29; Smith-Schuster (USC) 4-23; Stepherson (ND) 2-34; Adams (ND) 2-30; McNamara (USC) 2-18.

TROJANS IN THE NEWS

Boermeester family went from UCLA fans to getting their kicks for USC
By Joey Kaufman, Los Angeles Daily News, Nov. 17, 2016

On a sun-baked patio outside Heritage Hall, Matt Boermeester sits on a red-cushioned sofa, pulls an iPhone from his pocket and leans forward.

He cues up a black-and-white photo from a 1978 issue of Sports Illustrated that shows his father, Peter, celebrating his first-quarter field goal that provided the margin of victory in a win at Washington.

The head coach's left arm hooks Peter by the back of his neck in an embrace. Both are smiling as they celebrate the win amid the downpour at Husky Stadium.

The celebrating coach is Terry Donahue, not John Robinson, and the victory is UCLA's, not USC's.

Before Matt Boermeester emerged as one of the Trojans' strongest kickers of the past decade, his father was a record-setting, All-Pac-10 kicker for the Bruins.

However, this week's renewal of the USC-UCLA rivalry will not divide allegiances in the Boermeester's San Diego home.

"My turn's over," Peter said. "It's all about Matt now. That's the bottom line. I'll be rooting for USC this week."

Matt smiles. He knows "Pete," as he often calls his dad, will be wearing cardinal and gold as he sits with the family Saturday night at the Rose Bowl.

"The blood transfusion has completed," Matt joked.

How the son of a UCLA alum ended up as USC's kicker is a story replete with several twists.

First, Boermeester never wanted to kick.

Up until he was 14, he played many seasons of soccer, including several for the Nomads club team in La Jolla.

During those years, while watching from the sidelines, Peter needed little time to recognize his son had the makings of a collegiate kicker.

"From day one, I knew he had a very strong leg," Peter said. "You're born with either a strong leg or you're not. Matt was always taking the penalty kicks."

The strong-legged kid soon abandoned soccer, but not football. Instead, he chose baseball, becoming an outfielder for San Diego's Cathedral Catholic High while looking up to Ryan Klesko and Phil Nevin of the hometown Padres.

Peter, still believing his son could make it as a college kicker, suggested he might try kicking for the high school football team, too.

"Nah, Dad, it might be boring," Peter remembered the conversations ending.

Matt played baseball year-round, hoping to play in college. Although hitting just .235 as a senior in 2012, that goal seemed within reach. The Dons won a CIF San Diego Section Division III title that spring. Five of his teammates were selected in the MLB draft in the following years, including left-hander Brady Aiken, the No. 1 overall pick in 2014. Peter thought Matt could play Division II.

Scholarship offers never materialized, so the younger Boermeester needed a new plan – like his dad's 40 years earlier.

In the summer of 2012, after his high school graduation, the Boermeesters went to a local field, where Matt finally started kicking. He made a 50-yard field goal on that day, Peter said.

But before arriving at Saddleback College in the fall of 2013, Matt needed some sort of formal training. Over the next year, he attended camps run by kicking guru Chris Sailer and worked with former NFL kicker John Carney in nearby Carlsbad.

From Carney, Matt learned "veteran stuff," he said. That included shaving down the instep side of his left foot – his kicking foot – to generate better contact with the ball. He began wearing a smaller shoe on that foot, too, to create a stronger strikethrough point. He wears a size 9 soccer cleat on his left foot compared to the size 10.5 on his right. Carney also stressed consistency in his approach.

"Matt was a competitive athlete who played high-level competition in baseball," Carney said. "He wasn't new to a sport, new to competition, new to preparing, being mentally focused to bring your best on a gameday. He had all that plugged into his system.

"What he didn't have, which he developed very quickly, was the mechanics and the routine of preparing yourself to be a consistent field-goal kicker, to be consistent on kickoffs. So, he wasn't starting from ground zero. He had a lot going for him."

As a freshman at Saddleback, he made 11 of 13 field goals and earned a scholarship to USC the following summer, after standing out at one of the program's summer camps.

He was one of many talented kickers vying for a scholarship. But Boermeester had an advantage. As a junior college transfer, he could sign with USC and arrive in August for training camp, unlike the rising high school seniors and juniors in attendance. They would need to wait at least a year.

And so he came. But until this season, Boermeester toiled behind upperclassmen Andre Heidari and Alex Wood. He redshirted as a sophomore in 2014 and appeared in only four games last season.

When veteran special-teams coach John Baxter joined Clay Helton's first staff last winter, Boermeester had much to gain.

"It's like in golf when those guys hire a swing coach," Baxter said.

In spring practice, Baxter and Boermeester deconstructed the approach.

"We started him at zero like he had never hit a ball before," Baxter said.

Boermeester began approaching the ball at a more straightaway path, in the hope of generating more speed before the kick and more power.

It appears to have paid off. Of 61 kickoffs this season, 34 have resulted in touchbacks, a 56 percent mark that ranks 29th in the Football Bowl Subdivision and fourth in the Pac-12 Conference.

Not since David Buehler in 2008 has USC had a kicker send more than half of his kickoffs for touchbacks.

As Matt steps onto the Rose Bowl grass Saturday, it will be for the first time as USC's kicker.

The stadium is a familiar ground. He and his dad trekked to Pasadena for multiple UCLA home games each fall as he grew up in the family of Bruin diehards. Not only did Peter kick for UCLA, but it was where he met his wife.

The Boermeesters took in several rivalry games against the Trojans.

He remembered USC's 29-24 win in 2004, when Reggie Bush torched the defense, running for 204 yards, including an 81-yard touchdown run when he somersaulted into the end zone. Bush was a thorn in his side, as the Trojans' winning streak in the rivalry extended to as many as seven games.

"You just knew it was kind of false hope," Matt said.

But he was also there, sitting in the stands 10 seasons ago, when UCLA pulled off a stunning 13-9 upset of the second-ranked Trojans.

Now, it's his turn to play in the crosstown showdown. He steadies.

"I guess I'll be a little more emotionally fueled, even though it's a rivalry game for everyone," Matt Boermeester said. "It'll be cool."

USC offensive line coach Neil Callaway is tough but caring, too
By Mark Whicker, Los Angeles Daily News, Dec. 16, 2016

Repeat it.

If USC's offensive line does 100 drills, assistant coach Neil Callaway is yelling, "Repeat it!" after 99 of them.

"If someone screws it up, it's repeat the play," tackle Chad Wheeler said. "That is going to be in my head for a long time."

For many reasons USC is playing football for a longer time than usual, all the way to Jan. 2. Nothing has been more crucial than an offensive line that attacks, rather than absorbs.

The Trojans run for 207.2 yards per game, with 17 ground touchdowns, and 5.3 yards per attempt. Callaway, 60, joined the USC staff this year and inherited senior tackles Wheeler and Zach Banner, and juniors on the interior. They have played up to Rose Bowl standards. They haven't reached Callaway's.

"He's the meanest person I've ever met," Banner said. "But he's the best line coach I've ever had. The only time he ever gives me a compliment is when we win, and then when I made All-America. But that's the way it ought to be."

Fair-to-middling performance won't impress Callaway. He has coached in six Sugar Bowls and one Orange Bowl. As a linebacker for Bear Bryant in 1974-77, he went 11-1 three times, on Alabama teams that wound up second, third and fifth nationally.

He coached linemen at Auburn and Georgia, and was offensive coordinator at Houston for Kim Helton, whose son Clay is Callaway's boss today.

Callaway had a rocky five-year tenure as the head coach at Alabama-Birmingham, which didn't have facilities or money, and was fired after 18 wins. He wound up at Western Kentucky, where Tyson Helton, Clay's younger brother, ran the offense. Now Helton and Callaway are at USC, trying to harden the knocks.

"The offenses have changed," Callaway said. "Twenty years ago guys knew how to run-block and you had to teach them to pass-block. Now it's the opposite. Guys are so far behind that it takes a little time. Run-blocking is harder. You're trying to move a guy from Point A to Point B. Pass-blocking, you're just trying to slow things down.

"Guys come out of high school and they think it's a 7-on-7 game with 1-on-1 pass protection. I think it's taken away from the game."

Callaway isn't the first guy with graying temples and a unfiltered opinion who has managed to connect with 300-pound kids. The O-line coach-player relationship is one of the most appealing dynamics in football.

Men such as Jim Erkenbeck, Jim Hanifan, Joe Moore, Jim McNally, Hudson Houck and Bob Wylie form a special forces unit, with bleepable commands on the field and a lifelong bond off it.

"I don't want pats on my back," Banner said. "I want somebody who wants to work with me. He (Callaway) will say bad job, bad job, good job maybe a little bit, then bad job again.

"I'm 6-foot-9, 350 pounds and I've got athleticism. But I need technique. That's what we work on. That's what I'll need on the next level. I realized what he was all about on Day One. He didn't hold back."

The OL struggled early, so the Trojans did, too. Not until the fourth game, at Utah, did Callaway see a winning outline. That was also when Sam Darnold became the quarterback.

An unrelenting but compassionate coach also makes the OL come together. There really isn't any choice.

"Football is the ultimate team game, everybody knows that," Callaway said. "Within that game you have to make sacrifices. The offensive line doesn't get to play with the ball. It takes guys who care about each other. The knot gets a little tighter when things get more demanding.

"It's a hard position. There are so many details. Foot placement, hand placement, where your eyes are, the knee bend. A lot of it isn't natural."

Callaway got Wheeler (6-6, 310) to move his feet closer together, which quickened his steps. Through the technique, the Trojans found the mentality. Helton has needed only 21 games to turn USC from passive to aggressive.

Callaway was remembering Bryant after practice Tuesday, as Banner tried, unsuccessfully, to hide behind him.

"I didn't understand what I was a part of, at the time," Callaway said. "Coach Bryant was tough and hard-nosed but he was caring, too. And he was always the star. Didn't matter if he was walking into a room full of presidents. He was the man."

Someone asked, "Is Zach the best lineman you ever coached?"

Callaway paused for a second.

"Zach who?" he replied.

Banner stormed off, but he was laughing. Once again, his coach had reverted to the mean.

Senior Justin Davis has persevered through turbulent times at USC
By Joey Kaufman, Los Angeles Daily News, Sept. 29, 2016

Three years ago this week, Justin Davis reached a college milestone.

In a loss at Arizona State, Davis, then a freshman running back for USC, eclipsed 100 rushing yards for the first time.

Hours after the game had ended, after the team's chartered flight returned to LAX in the early Sunday morning hours, he saw his first coach fired.

Lane Kiffin, who once offered him a scholarship to USC in his Heritage Hall office, was out.

Davis, like the rest of his senior class, has since navigated a tumultuous period with four head coaches in his first three seasons, including two midseason firings.

"I never thought any of this stuff was going to happen," Davis said. "I thought we were going to have Lane Kiffin my whole career. We were going to win two national championships. That's what I first thought."

The times have stayed turbulent. Though Clay Helton was retained on a full-time basis, a move intended to offer stability, his job security has become an open question on sports talk radio shows and Internet message boards after USC's 1-3 start, its worst since 2001.

Davis peppers with optimism.

"Everybody's freaking out," he said, "but I've been through a season like this. Right now, it's kind of like, 'OK, it's this again.' I know the season is not over. We can still salvage it."

His outlook is consistent. He charges on eagerly and without hesitation.

Davis started running by 10 months old.

"He'd say something to you and if you didn't respond in .8 seconds, you'd turn around and he'd be gone," his father, Eric Davis, said. "He was a running back from the age of below 1."

He was restless.

By 4 years old, Eric and Joselyn Davis, Justin's mother, signed him up for soccer and T-ball. Justin, in fact, played baseball until middle school, before football. "24/7," he said. It was his first love. He was a center fielder like Ken Griffey Jr., his favorite player.

He started everything early.

When he was called up to the varsity football team as a sophomore at Lincoln High School in Stockton, he was 14 years old.

When he arrived as a freshman at USC for the spring semester in 2013, he had turned 17 two months earlier.

When he graduates from the university in December, he will be a month past his 21st birthday.

The experience hardened him.

"All the turmoil, adversity, it's made him a stronger person," Joselyn said.

Despite turnover on staff, Justin Davis has still been productive. At Utah last week, he surpassed 2,000 career rushing yards, becoming only the 19th player in school history to reach that mark.

With 261 rushing yards through four games, he is on pace to finish with 1,000 rushing yards in a season for the first time in his career and move into the top 10 on the school's all-time list.

He hopes to join his former backfield teammates, Silas Redd and Javorius Allen, in the NFL.

At the end of the year, he also leaves with a degree in Economics, a fact he remains proud of.

"It's been rough," he laughed. "I'm almost there."

When Justin first arrived at USC, he was encouraged to major in Communications. Eric, an engineer, urged him to pick something more challenging. Economics became their compromise. Eric said he liked that he still needed to take calculus.

In the 1980s, Eric worked with the U.S. Air Force as a seismic measurement scientist to detect nuclear testing by the Soviet Union.

For Justin, last week against the Utes, was his best effort, running for 126 yards on 10 carries, including a career-high 50-yard run.

He did not see a carry in the fourth quarter, a contentious issue. Observers pointed to his 12.6 yards per carry mark and wondered why he was not used more. Sophomore running back Ronald Jones had two carries in the fourth quarter, of USC's seven plays from scrimamge.

Helton on Wednesday said he hoped Davis sees 20 to 25 touches against the Sun Devils.

"He's capable of more," Helton said.

In a win over UCLA last November, Davis carried the ball 25 times against the Bruins, rattling off 130 yards and helping to ice the game in the fourth quarter.

"That's him," Eric said. "That's where he lives. That's when he's in his mode, when they keep going to him, because he figures it out. He figures out the puzzle and then he exploits it."

If his workload does not increase, he may still be efficient, anyway.

With the more mobile Sam Darnold at quarterback in place of Max Browne, Davis said the offense opened up.

As Darnold is a running threat as well, defense have to keep someone close to him. A zone-read in the backfield means not everyone will follow the running back.

"This offense, no disrespect to Max, it's more attuned for a quarterback who can really open it up and run," Davis said. "Max, he has a great arm and is a great quarterback. But there are some things that Sam does, like running the ball better. It opens it up for me and a lot of people, because you have to worry about him running the ball."

Davis, either way, will keep running.

The Beach Boy QB
By Katie Ryan, USC Assistant SID, Oct. 27, 2016

It's just another warm and sunny day in Sam Darnold's hometown of San Clemente, Calif. This small south Orange County beach community charms its visitors with towering palm trees, perfect waves and breathtaking sunsets. When he has free time from football and school, you may see Darnold driving to the Board & Brew sandwich shop on Avenida Pico. He'll pick up a chicken club, drench it in orange sauce and make his way back down to the beach.

He will drive down the curvy streets of San Clemente until he reaches the highly secluded Lasuen Beach. Darnold will walk down an almost hidden path located between homes covered with foliage. Upon exiting the steep dirt path, he arrives at a small, peaceful beach with two volleyball courts overlooking the ocean. Darnold will kick off his flip flops to walk in the warm sand and hang out with his longtime friends. He will typically see people he knows, but these days, more people recognize him.

Since being named the starting quarterback at USC just more than a month ago and less than one month into his redshirt freshman season, his anonymity outside of San Clemente is quickly disappearing.

Darnold, however, will always be a product of the beach community that shaped him -- and that product has ignited the explosive Trojan offense and helped turn around USC's 2016 season.

With just four starts under his belt, Darnold is quickly establishing himself as one of the premier signal callers in college football. At 6-foot-4, 225 pounds, his powerful arm and quick feet are a threat to every opponent's defense. He is a unique quarterback with an athleticism that USC hasn't had for many years.

He has completed 100-of-150 (66.7%) passes this year for 1,334 yards and has rushed for 137 yards. He has thrown for 13 touchdowns and has rushed for two more. He has averaged 299.5 yards passing per game since being named the starter in the Trojans' fourth game this year, a heartbreaking loss at Utah.

He then led USC to big wins over Arizona State, Colorado and at Arizona two weeks ago. Following the blow out win in Tucson, Darnold ranked first in the nation with a quarterback rating of 91.3 -- in front of Louisville's Lamar Jackson (90.9) and Washington's Jake Browning (89.7), quarterbacks for top 7 teams.

Coaches, broadcasters and fans alike have noted his poise on the field. He attributes his composure to growing up in a beach culture.

"The beach culture I was raised in definitely influenced the way I act," said Darnold, a communication major. "I guess it is something that has transferred over to the field. I think keeping an even keel the whole game is something that is super important as a quarterback."

Darnold also credits his family as an influence on his self-described "chill" demeanor.

"My whole family, my parents and grandparents, taught me that whatever I do is in my control and whatever people think isn't," he said. "I think that's where my confidence comes from, just being completely okay with who I am."

His big sister, Frankie, has had a significant impact on the young quarterback's life.

"We're super close," said Darnold. "She's helped me with a lot of things throughout my life and taught me a lot. She taught me how to take care of priorities like school and sports, which is key. She's taught me how to be a better person. Seeing the way she grew up was really interesting, and she was really good for me to learn from because she did it the right way."

Frankie, who played volleyball at Rhode Island, continuously gives Darnold advice.

"She's talked to me about a lot of things: girls, school, sports and keeping my priorities in line," he said.

Early on, Frankie saw Darnold's potential and knew he had a high ceiling.

"I think she always kind of saw how far I'd go," he said. "It was motivating knowing that. She's definitely helped me a ton, and I couldn't be more grateful for her."

Darnold was a bit of a diamond in the rough as a prep football player at San Clemente. Though he threw for just under 3,000 yards and 39 touchdowns as a senior, a broken foot early in his junior kept him out of the national spotlight until USC had locked him up.

Not that it may have mattered much, as Darnold was a Trojan fan his entire life. Both of his parents were athletes, but it was his grandfather, Dick Hammer, who played basketball at USC and helped the Trojans reach their last Final Four in 1954. Hammer was also a 1964 U.S. Olympic volleyball player before becoming an actor in film and commercials. If you've heard of the Marlboro Man, well, you know Darnold's granddad.

Darnold, clearly destined to become a Trojan, is a competitor, plain and simple. This quality extends beyond the football field.

"You should watch me play some beach volleyball. I get after it," Darnold said with a laugh. "I'm definitely competitive in all aspects of life: on the field and in the classroom. I'm just super competitive in everything I do."

Darnold's competitive nature was revealed early on when he elected to finish his senior year at San Clemente, while knowing another highly decorated incoming freshman quarterback was enrolling early at USC during the spring semester.

"It was kind of an easy decision honestly," said Darnold. "I don't want to make that sound bad, but it was. I wanted to play basketball, have a normal senior year, go to prom and do all the things that a normal kid would do. I just knew when I got here that I'd have to push myself and do all I could to be a great player. I didn't really think about it too much."

This confidence has rolled over into the redshirt freshman's on-field play, where he comes across mature beyond his years. His body language during a game reveals this. He appears to have no fear, and he leaves no doubt that he's in complete control of the game.

With his new role as the USC quarterback, Darnold realizes that he now is a member of an elite brotherhood of Trojan quarterbacks and is viewed differently than before.

"I've been to a couple camps that my high school has held, and it's really fun to see the faces the kids make," he said. "They look at me like I'm Kobe or something. The way I'm viewed has really changed. It makes me look at things a little differently, and it makes me feel good about myself knowing that these kids look up to me. It also forces me to act more mature. When the kids come up to me, I just want to play catch with them and make them happy. I didn't realize how big of an impact just playing catch with someone can be, but now I do."

Though Darnold is now in the spotlight, he still views himself as the same beach-town kid he was before. He will still be the guy to say he's "stoked" to be home as he throws up a "hang loose" hand sign. He will still be the guy to drive home to visit his dog Libby and play basketball on the half-court in his backyard.

"Being able to go home to San Clemente is a really good opportunity for me to remember my roots," said Darnold. "I'm never going to take growing up where I did for granted. It's a part of me."

'Old Soul' QB Sam Darnold Has Given Life to Resurgent USC with Quiet Confidence
By C.J. Moore, Bleacher Report, Nov. 9, 2016

The text message showed up on Sam Darnold's phone last December on the night Alabama's Derrick Henry won the Heisman Trophy:

"Save me a seat when you go for the Heisman ceremony. You'll be on that stage one day."

Darnold's high school coach, Jaime Ortiz, sent the text to a redshirt freshman who had yet to take a snap in a college football game and sat behind Max Browne on the depth chart.

Browne was the QB-in-waiting at USC, the top-rated player at his position in 2012 and the Gatorade National Player of the Year as a high school senior when he threw for 4,526 yards and 49 touchdowns. Adam Gorney, national recruiting analyst for Rivals.com, told Bleacher Report this week that Browne was one of the best quarterback prospects he'd ever scouted.

But after being handed the starting job in Week 4, it's Darnold who has led USC's resurgence into prominence as the centerpiece of a five-game winning streak.

There weren't many who thought Darnold would have his chance this early. After all, Browne had spent two years behind Cody Kessler. No coach in Clay Helton's position—getting the interim tag removed late last season—could risk the potential public relations fallout from inserting anyone other than the player assumed to be the next golden-boy QB for the Trojans.

Darnold still challenged for the job this preseason, but Browne was named the starter 14 days before the opener against Alabama. After the Trojans limped to a 1-2 start and scored only one touchdown in losses to Alabama and Stanford, though, the tables turned on Browne. A quarterback switch was a shake-up worth trying for Helton.

That decision, at least six games in, looks like it could be historic in the rebuilding of USC as a college football giant. The Trojans are 5-1 since Darnold took over. Not only are they winning, but they're running up scores similar to the days when Matt Leinart was under center.

Darnold is averaging 289.7 yards per game, completing 68.4 percent of his passes and has thrown 18 touchdowns to just three interceptions in his six games as a starter. His 18 touchdowns have come in the last five games, which is the third-most among Power Five quarterbacks during that time. His QB rating against Power Five opponents (165.68) ranks fourth nationally, and he's the only freshman in the top 30 of that list.

In Darnold, the Trojans have the rare pocket passer who can also moonlight as a dual-threat quarterback. At 6'4" and 225 pounds, Darnold has shown the ability to make all the throws and do so under pressure. When blitzed this season, Darnold has completed 53 of 78 passes for 717 yards, 11 touchdowns and two interceptions, according to Pro Football Focus.

"They're expecting a freshman quarterback to make a mistake, and with me knowing that, I think it helps my cause," Darnold said.

Darnold brings some athleticism to the table, which was a big selling point during his recruitment. Darnold was an All-League MVP in basketball at San Clemente High School. Since he missed most of his junior season in football because of a broken foot, there was not much film of him playing quarterback to send to college coaches, so Ortiz included clips of him playing hoops in his highlight packages.

USC's first interest in Darnold was as an outside linebacker, and there are moments in the open field where his past at that position is evident.

"He has a linebacker mentality playing quarterback," Ortiz said.

Darnold has had to dial that back some, as he's fumbled seven times in his six starts.

"Even though he is an unbelievable competitive athlete, he's learning how to protect himself once he breaks out of the pocket and runs with the ball past the line of scrimmage and getting down," Helton said last week on the Pac-12 conference call. "He's a value to us right now and starting to do that better."

The fact that there's a threat of the run with Darnold is the biggest difference between him and the less mobile Browne. Darnold said the only real difference in the play-calling since he took over is that offensive coordinator Tee Martin has sprinkled in more zone-read plays.

The big redshirt freshman is not putting up huge rushing numbers—160 yards on 35 attempts in the last six games—but when he does take off, his speed is deceptive because of his massive stature. Darnold said he's noticed defensive linemen take bad angles because they don't realize he can turn on the jets.

"I think people do underestimate my ability to run, but I'm fine with it as long as stuff like that keeps happening," Darnold said.

Darnold and Martin have also been smart in leaning on the playmakers around him. Junior receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, expected to be a first-round pick in the 2017 draft, has been much more productive with Darnold at quarterback as opposed to Browne.

"Whenever I see an opportunity to get him the ball one-on-one, I take it," Darnold said.

The USC rushing attack has also been more potent with Darnold at quarterback.

Ronald Jones II has run for 394 yards and five touchdowns the past two weeks. The Trojans ran for a season-high 398 yards two weeks ago against California, and that made Darnold's job much easier. He threw the ball only 25 times—his fewest attempts in six games as starter—but still put up 231 yards and five touchdowns to four different receivers.

"We've been running the ball at will and that creates one-on-one matchups outside, and I know my receivers are going to win that more than half the time," Darnold said. "When a team thinks we're going to run, we're just gonna plop it right over your heads for a touchdown."

The Trojans are administering their recent shellackings somewhat quietly. They're still not ranked by the AP or coaches polls after their 1-3 start, although recent results (and Las Vegas) suggest they should be.

Opportunity awaits this week when USC travels to No. 4 Washington. An upset win would not only give Helton job security, but it could offer an extra boost in recruiting. The Trojans rarely need help on that end, but imagine the ease of a sales pitch centered on the possibility of playing with a budding star like Darnold.

The state of the program is important to the quarterback, as he grew up a Trojans fan in Capistrano Beach, about an hour south of USC's campus. "I had the privilege of growing up in a great era to watch USC football," Darnold said. "That was a huge deal for me. I always love watching USC football, and it's just awesome to be a part of it now."

Yet when Darnold made the pledge to his dream school, there was no big formal announcement, only a tweet from Ortiz.

Darnold is not one for self-promotion, which is one reason he was not a hot name on the recruiting radar in high school. He rarely played seven-on-seven football, did not have a personal quarterback coach like many high-profile QBs and was hesitant to go to camps.

"He'd rather play full-contact football," Ortiz said.

Ortiz and his staff had to beg Darnold to attend a Nike Elite 11 camp before his senior year, and Helton has admired the way Darnold shuns the limelight.

"He's an old soul," Helton said. "What I appreciate about him, even though he's having this very early success, he is brutally honest with himself in that he knows he has room to grow.

"Every time that he comes out of a game, we've been ahead in some games and I've pulled him and I've said, 'Hey man, great job.' He looks at me and says, 'Coach, there's more out there I can do better. I know I can do better.' You appreciate that as a coach—just his humility, his humbleness and his maturity at this young an age."

USC has had its share of special talents at quarterback—from Rodney Peete to Rob Johnson to Carson Palmer to Leinart to Matt Barkley. None of those had a six-game start comparable to Darnold's.

A future Heisman candidacy certainly looks like part of his future.

"Shoot, if that opportunity comes around, that'd be a dream come true," he said. "But I'm not going to worry about that right now."

When Ortiz sent that text last December, Darnold sent back a smiley face emoji.

That captures the mood of Helton and the USC fanbase now that they've found their next golden boy.

Quiet, humble and ready to lead the resurgence.

Nico Falah is USC's center of attention
By Joey Kaufman, Los Angeles Daily News, Oct. 25, 2016

Before Nico Falah unexpectedly emerged as USC's starting center in his fourth season, before he provided a steady presence for a rejuvenated offense, it seemed like less of a long shot.

"We've never coached a lineman that had Nico Falah's athletic ability," said Chad Johnson, the offensive coordinator at St. John Bosco, the high school in Bellflower that regularly ushers football players to NCAA Division I colleges.

Each spring and summer, Johnson, who doubles as the program's strength and conditioning coach, led players through cardio training and agility drills.

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The 20-yard shuttle run opened his eyes.

Players begin in a three-point stance, while three cones are placed in line at five-yard distances. After starting at the center cone, they burst five yards in one direction, touch the turf, sprint 10 yards in the opposite direction, touch the turf, and return to the center. It encapsulates 20 yards in total.

Johnson matched them against one another. Five pushups awaited whoever finished second.

Falah rarely needed to drop to the ground.

"He's smoking all the linemen," Johnson said, "and it's not fair."

The solution was to put him with the skill position players, the running backs, receivers and defensive backs. It was the first time he included a lineman in the group. Falah faced Shay Fields, now a receiver at Colorado, and Jaleel Wadood, now a safety at UCLA, and kept on their heels.

"He is a freak of nature athletically," Johnson said. "An absolute freak."

Johnson once clocked him running 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard dash. Falah can dunk a basketball too.

Early on at USC, though, he seemed mostly an afterthought. Falah struggled with back injuries as a freshman. So, he redshirted in 2013. He rarely saw the field the following season.

His value is evident this fall as a redshirt junior. USC owes a number of factors for a current three-game winning streak that has revived its season. The scheduled eased up. Redshirt freshman quarterback Sam Darnold added a exhilarating dynamic to the offense. JuJu Smith-Schuster reasserted himself as a frequent target. The defense clicked.

But Falah has played a particularly important role too, stabilizing an offensive line plagued with issues in early September. He took over as the starter after the opener when center Toa Lobendahn tore his anterior cruciate ligament.

"He's been throw into the fire," USC offensive coordinator Tee Martin said.

The Trojans' offensive line has recovered. It has allowed eight sacks, the fewest in the Pac-12, and only one this month. It has helped lead a rushing attack that is averaging 5.6 yards per carry in its last three games after averaging 4.3 yards per carry in September.

With Falah, they seen few hiccups.

"It speaks volume to the discipline Nico has as a player, as a student of the game, to wait your turn for so long," coach Clay Helton said.

Falah was once lost on USC's depth chart and effectively the team's fourth-string center last season.

But by mid-season, injuries ravaged the team. Max Tuerk and Lobendahn underwent season-ending knee surgeries.

That brought Khaliel Rodgers, the third-string center, into the lineup, and left it without a backup.

Falah became the best option, though he had never previously snapped the ball. After practices, he lingered at Howard Jones Field with offensive assistant Mike Goff, a former NFL guard and center, to learn how.

"I told him to use whatever technique gets the ball back there," Goff said. "Who am I to tell you how to do it? You show me how you want to do, and I'll show you where you should do it to be efficient and consistent. As a center, the thing you want to do is make sure you're as consistent as possible so the quarterback doesn't have to guess each snap or each play where the ball is going to be."

At first, Falah tried dead snapping, a technique preferred by Tuerk and Lobendahn and other college centers, where they hold the ball by its nose and nearly perpendicular to the grass.

He eventually traded it for a pro-style technique that allows him to grip the laces. He liked it. He soon proved capable.

But the real dilemma, Goff contended, is how quickly the newly converted center could react once he did snap it.

"The hardest thing when you're going to be a center is you get used to being off the ball as a guard or a tackle," Goff said. "As a center, the guy is right in your grill each and every play. So it's just getting used to how fast you're on the defensive lineman. That really takes some getting used to."

For four games, Falah waited behind Rodgers.

Then, in the fifth, against crosstown rival UCLA, Rodgers limped off the Coliseum field in the first half with a high ankle sprain. Here came his opportunity.

The Trojans rushed for 235 yards in a 41-22 victory over the Bruins to seal the Pac-12 South division title.

"I'll never forget that UCLA game of him stepping up in that arena and him being able to perform," Helton said.

He since stayed at center, a position he has embraced.

To him, former Trojans lineman Marcus Martin offers an encouraging guide. Martin, who is in his third NFL season with the San Francisco 49ers, worked at left guard for his first two seasons at USC.

Before his junior season in 2013, Martin moved to center. Falah was an impressionable true freshman then.

The two players remained in touch, and Martin told him the position switch was a great blessing.

For Falah, it has been one too.

Clay Helton often goes unnoticed, but he deserves credit for USC's success
By Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times, Dec. 3, 2016

Earlier this fall, like any good college father, Clay Helton rushed out of work to attend his son's USC freshman orientation.

He showed up still wearing his football coaching attire, and his wife, Angela, was aghast.

"Babe, this is orientation, you're a Dad, you're not supposed to be the head coach," she said.

"Don't worry," Helton responded. "Nobody is going to recognize us anyway."

Nobody did. Nobody does. The biggest secret about the resurgence of the most glittering group in college football is that it was engineered by a guy whom you still couldn't pick out of a sideline.

Now that the Trojans are on the verge of returning to the Rose Bowl for the first time in eight years – they should be selected Sunday if common sense prevails – everyone is falling all over themselves to credit everyone but the guy who brought them there.

You say it's Sam Darnold's team? The coach gave him the job, stepped to the side, and let him shine.

You say it's Adoree' Jackson's moment? The coach set the tone that unleashed his skills, stepped to the side, and let him dance.

He'll never acknowledge it, and there are stubborn critics who will never believe it, but make no mistake, these are the Trojans of Clay Helton.

When they started slow, he took their heat, stood in front of their mistakes, became the fall guy as the blitzing critics screamed for his head.

"If you're 1-3 at USC, you deserve to get talked about, that's just a fact," he says. "If you can't handle it, don't take the job. This is a thick-skinned business."

When it was time to change quarterbacks, he did it. When it was time to change philosophies, he evolved. The incredible gains made by this USC program during its eight-game win streak happened only because the coach was willing to shed his pride, listen to his staff, and learn with his kids.

It happened only because the coach didn't make it all about the coach.

"I think we all grew, including myself," Helton says.

Now that they are once again the class of the Pac-12 with seemingly the brightest future since the Pete Carroll era, the entire atmosphere around the program seems changed...except, of course, for the man running it.

A year ago, when I visited with Helton and wrote a column urging USC to make him its permanent coach, I felt like I was hanging out with part-teacher, part-preacher, and mostly old-fashioned football guy.

This week, same thing, same guy, same spartan office, same couch where he sleeps three times a week, same uncluttered desk where he watches film until 1 a.m.

Same soft drawl when he talks about his players like they're family. Same chicken wings cooked for him by his wife on his return home every Thursday, even on Thanksgiving, and how he loves to talk about the wonders of "Miss Angela."

He also has the same quiet look of reverence when he talks about his job, even after it put him through several kinds of hell during the first part of this season.

"I've always believed the coach is a servant to university and to his kids," he says. "It's not about the coaches, it's about the gift of working 18-to-21-year-olds, and I'll always keep it like that."

He loved USC even when the Trojans family didn't seem to love him back. Immediately after Helton was named permanent head coach late last year, the Trojans lost five of their next six games spanning two seasons. At that point, the blogs, not to mention many boosters, already had him fired and were searching for a replacement.

When asked whether he thought he was going to lose his job back then, he pauses and says, "I don't know ... I don't know ... I was hoping not, being in Year 1, but I know the reality of the business. In today's time, one bad year could equal change."

Publicly, he never wavered from his belief in his team. Privately, he would haunt McKay Center late at night, bouncing off that couch, searching for the solutions.

"Mercy, I would wake up at 3 a.m every morning, just thinking about stuff, worrying about the next step," he says. "I would get up, get a glass of water, walk around, lay back down, be back up at 5."

It turns out, his greatest sleep aid would be the installation of Darnold as the starting quarterback ahead of program veteran Max Browne before the season's fourth game at Utah. But while many thought he should have made that obvious move before the season opener, his initial loyalty to Browne led to trust from his players that set the tone for the late-season success.

"Max was a quarterback that everybody on the team respected, a captain, a leader," Helton says. "I went with experience, and I would do it again."

At the same time Darnold was changing the aura of the team, Helton was also changing its essence by pulling off the restraints that had hindered a new and uncertain roster and staff. After a conservative punt call set up a long game-winning drive for Utah, everything changed.

"In that situation I would do the same thing again," Helton says, but then acknowledged, "After the Utah game, we did become a more aggressive team, taking chances, playing aggressive, playing with our hair on fire, telling them, 'Let's drive it like we stole it.'"

They didn't lose again, and Helton's hold on the team got only stronger, that trust carrying the team to those eight wins, a domination of eventual Pac-12 champion Washington in Seattle, and a cool moment a couple of weeks later in the rout of Notre Dame.

After Ajene Harris returned an interception for a touchdown, he literally fought through celebrating players to hand the ball to Helton. Then, after Jackson scored his third touchdown of the game on a kick return and did a Heisman pose, Helton just laughed.

"It's raining, they're dancing, they're having fun, they're playing Notre Dame to win eight in a row and I'm thinking, man, why not celebrate this," says Helton. "If I could dance like them, I probably would."

And you probably still wouldn't notice him. And the most important, most invisible Trojan probably still wouldn't care.

Clay Helton isn't just replacing a coach, but an entire USC era
By Ivan Maisel, ESPN, Sept. 1, 2016

Clay Helton, whose first season as head coach of No. 20 USC begins against No. 1 Alabama on Saturday night at AT&T Stadium (8 p.m. ET, ABC), is replacing more than just a coach. He is replacing an era.

When Pat Haden, the former Trojans athletic director, took "interim" off of Helton's title last November, USC formally stopped trying to extend Pete Carroll's nine-year tenure of glitz and glamour.

"USC is not Hollywood," Helton said.

Wait just a minute, Coach. Or should we say "Cut!"?

John Wayne played for USC, for heaven's sake. Frank Gifford and O.J. Simpson glided through the Trojans line and into TV careers. During Carroll's wildly successful tenure -- two national championships, three Heisman Trophy winners, seven conference championships and 28 All-Americans -- USC became Reggie Bush and Kim Kardashian. Matt Leinart and Lindsay Lohan. Snoop Dogg and Will Ferrell on the sideline.

That's exactly who the new head coach of USC isn't. Carroll, the bling coach, is gone. His successors, Lane Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian, melted in front of TMZ's lights. They proved ill-equipped to handle the pressures of trying to win with their hands tied by NCAA probation. The devastating penalties took away 30 scholarships over three seasons and resulted in USC being stripped of two Pac-12 titles and Bush's Heisman.

The probation is over, too, and there is a sense of a fresh start at USC. Sark's replacement, Helton, hunts alligators. He's courtly and self-deprecating, two traits that every Southern parent demands. His mantra is "faith, family and football," and those items are not just in alphabetical order. And the only Kim hanging

around the Trojans these days is Helton's father. Kim Helton was the head coach of the Houston Cougars for seven seasons and spent 12 as an NFL assistant.

To repeat, USC is not Hollywood, at least in the mind of its new head coach.

"When you think of the names Marcus Allen and Ronnie Lott, Marv Goux, a legendary [assistant] coach here, you just think of toughness and physicality," Clay Helton said. "Those are the things that have won championship after championship here."

The image of Carroll's teams was of a regular lunchpail crew, if you buy your lunchpails at Prada.

It is customary in college football to hire a new coach who is the opposite of the old, failed predecessor. A disciplinarian follows a players' coach. A defensive guru takes over from a guy who kept all the talent on offense.

So, ditch the limo; cue the Ford F-150. Let's all pretend that USC has left La La Land (meaning Tinseltown, not the new Emma Stone-Ryan Gosling romantic comedy).

Take the new discipline inside the Trojans locker room. Before Helton took over, if a player skipped a class, he got two hours of physical drills. Now, if a player skips a class, his whole position group gets the extra work.

"You had guys who would book it in their weekly schedule, their two-hour punishment," quarterback Max Browne said. "They may miss class, and on Friday afternoon, I might die for those two hours, but I'll be able to sleep through a class for the rest of the way. It's one thing if you miss a class, you get punished yourself and only yourself. But when your teammates are also getting punished? That's a whole other element."

Take the feeling of family. Clay hired his brother, Tyson, to coordinate the Trojans' passing game. You can cry nepotism, at least until you see that for the last two seasons, he ran the Western Kentucky offense in which Brandon Doughty threw for 9,885 yards and 97 touchdowns.

Tyson Helton brought offensive line coach Neil Callaway with him. Callaway was on the Auburn staff when Clay Helton signed there as a quarterback in 1990. Callaway spent four seasons as Kim Helton's offensive coordinator at Houston. Kim Helton spent five seasons as Callaway's offensive coordinator at UAB.

Callaway started for Bear Bryant on the Alabama team that beat USC in 1977. He spent more than two decades as an assistant at Auburn, Georgia and Alabama before he went to UAB. Callaway has a voice that's part syrup, part metal grinder. Actually, he just grinds up players.

"He brings us Southern hospitality, Southern gentlemanship and very much a Southern toughness," Clay Helton said. "I just knew that experience, that knowledge, that toughness and physicality was something that I really wanted for our culture."

Helton warned his offensive line.

"I said, 'Guys, just understand,'" Helton said. "'You're going to think this guy is literally the devil. But after a month you're going to love him, because you're gonna know he's going to make you better as a player.'"

After three sessions of spring practice, offensive tackle Zach Banner cornered Helton in the locker room and said, "Coach, know this. We're taking Coach Callaway out to dinner and you're never going to see him again because we're going to kill him."

"We got a good bunch of guys," Callaway said of his players. "I don't mean they're all angels. I ain't saying that. But all the kids are into ball. It's important to them."

There ain't been a whole lot of Trojans assistant coaches saying "ain't" lately.

Take the way that Helton and his staff are coaching. The players understand why they're so tough.

"He loves us, you know what I'm saying?" Toa Lobendahn said of Helton. "A big thing in life for me is giving out love. I feel he's a big proponent of that. The way he treats us and respects us and even coaches us, that's the way we want it to be.

"The only time I've ever seen him get [upset] is if we've done something outside of football -- if we've left our dining area dirty and [the custodial staff] had to clean up for us and he had to hear about it, or we left our players' lounge dirty."

"He's probably the most genuine guy I've ever met, not even just [in] football but outside of it," Browne said of Helton.

All of which shows how Helton is wrong. USC is still Hollywood, but under Helton, it's rated G. Frank Capra would have loved him.

Helton was practically born in a college football stadium. Kim was a graduate assistant at Florida in 1972, the year Clay was born.

"Heck, the first year of my life we're living in the Swamp," Helton said. "We're living in the dorms right at the stadium. I grew up in the profession."

As a quarterback at Auburn and then for his dad at Houston, Helton proved he would be a better coach than player. As soon as he graduated, Duke head coach Fred Goldsmith, an old colleague of Kim, made Clay a graduate assistant. A year later, at age 23, Helton became the Blue Devils' running backs coach. He went into the family business. The construction business lost a hardhat.

"I think my mom is still mad at me," Helton said. "I was nine hours short of a mechanical engineering degree. I had enough hours to get an interdisciplinary math and science degree."

Helton spent 10 seasons as an offensive assistant coach at Memphis, rising to the job of offensive coordinator. He coached All-America running back DeAngelo Williams. And in his last season, 2009, as the Tigers plummeted to a 2-10 record that cost head coach Tommy West and his staff their jobs, Helton made an impression.

When Memphis lost to Tennessee and first-year head coach Lane Kiffin, 56-28, the Tigers rushed for 210 yards and threw for 193. After the season, Monte Kiffin, the Vols' defensive coordinator and Lane's dad, called Helton.

"He said, 'Clay, y'all did the best job against us. Do you mind taking me through what you saw? We're going to play Virginia Tech [in the Chick-fil-A Bowl]. I feel like they're going to do some of the things that you did. What did you see?' So we ended up talking for a couple of hours," Helton said.

Helton left Memphis and landed at Arkansas State. Weeks later -- so soon after the move that Helton was still sleeping on the floor of his new Jonesboro office -- Monte Kiffin called again. Lane had gone to USC and he needed a quarterback coach. Helton agreed to interview after signing day.

"Not thinking that I have a chance in hell," he said, laughing. "Got through signing day, came out here, and something just clicked. ... Probably some guys said no, and you're the one left standing. Something clicked. Like I told everybody, I felt like I won the lottery coming out here."

Helton weathered the storms of coaching under Kiffin and Sarkisian. When interim head coach Ed Orgeron refused to coach the Trojans in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl, Helton took over. And when USC fired Sarkisian after five games last season, Helton took over again. The Trojans went 5-2 over the rest of the regular season, and the day after they beat crosstown rival UCLA to clinch the Pac-12 South championship, Helton lost his interim status.

If you want to see people who think they won the lottery, watch the video of the team's reaction when Haden told the USC players their new coach would be their current coach. It looks like every World Series celebration you've ever seen, minus the champagne.

With all of Helton's new responsibilities, Browne said his head coach hasn't changed one bit. The feeling around the team, though, changed a lot.

"Less on edge, I guess," Browne said. "Just to be going out and playing a game, playing football, I think it was nice to just kind of move on from all that. It just seemed more free, and I don't want to say that because it makes it sound like it was unstructured. It wasn't unstructured. But it seemed like guys were just going out there and having fun."

If there is to be a Clay Helton era at USC, the lights, camera and action begin Saturday night. USC football is still Hollywood. There's just a new guy in charge of the studio.

USC linebacker Michael Hutchings knows how to play through pain; he's been doing it since his father died
By Zach Helfand, Los Angeles Times, Sept. 13, 2016

Michael Hutchings, known as Big Mike, would have loved nothing more than to see his boy play linebacker against Stanford on Saturday, across the bay from his home in Antioch, Calif.

It's a good bet he would have been breaking down film all week, calling his son, also named Michael Hutchings, with observations from USC's practice. Maybe he would have floated an idea or two about slowing down Stanford's All-American running back, Christian McCaffrey.

A sergeant and 24-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Dept., Big Mike worked the graveyard shift so he never had to miss one of his son's games. Before each, he'd call Michael with last-minute advice.

That phone call is one of the many voids the Hutchings family has been trying to fill in the 2 1/2 years since Big Mike died.

"We've just learned to live with it," said Joyce Hutchings, his wife and Michael's mother.

The Hutchings are a family of cops and municipal workers, so it's little surprise Michael turned into USC's rock, a model of stability in a program that has been anything but stable. Even if, privately, at his lowest, he wondered if could ever love football again.

Michael isn't sure what he loved first: the game, or sharing it with his dad. They seemed to communicate through football. Big Mike coached teams around town, and he kept Michael close. When he was young, Michael received urgent calls from the station, usually on Sunday mornings. His dad wanted to discuss his fantasy football lineup.

Father and son were so alike, Joyce said, scuffing up her walls with errant passes, never staying quiet, rarely not smiling. Like "twins when it came to football."

Michael was a big kid, like his dad, and the coaches usually paid him gushing compliments for his work at practice.

"OK! OK! That's good!" Big Mike would say afterward, trying to wring out every detail. "What were his exact words?"

Then, Big Mike got sick, with fast-developing, late-stage pancreatic cancer.

Big Mike moved Michael into USC in 2013, a few months after the diagnosis. He saw his son play for the Trojans in person just once, though they talked on the phone after every practice.

After he checked into the hospital, even though he was queasy or weak, he'd pull up USC's practice tapes on his computer. In the evenings, he'd call his son and break down the film, and he wouldn't feel as bad.

Big Mike turned 49 on New Year's Eve that year, so when Hutchings returned from the Las Vegas Bowl, the family bought gifts.

"And he couldn't . . . he didn't have the strength to rip off the wrapping paper of his presents," Michael recalled, "and he just kind of broke down and cried."

Big Mike became unresponsive early in January, though his heart was strong enough to continue pumping for almost a week.

Michael returned to USC on Jan. 14, 2014, the day his father died. He even made it to class that night. Joyce had asked linebacker Hayes Pullard, then-interim Coach Clay Helton and Michael's best friend, safety Chris Hawkins, to keep an eye on him. Michael thought he was OK, but his support system wasn't so sure.

Around that time, Michael began telling family members he was going to quit the team, Joyce said.

"The thing is," Michael recalled, "I honestly didn't really have too much to play for anymore."

To him, football wasn't nearly the same without his father.

His role on the team was changing for the worse anyway. When Steve Sarkisian took over as coach, Clancy Pendergast was replaced as defensive coordinator and Hutchings was at the bottom of the depth chart. It didn't help that Hutchings wasn't showing up to team meetings, or that when he did he was often late.

Hutchings began seeing a therapist after a coach asked if he'd like to talk to someone. He spent much of the first session in tears.

But slowly, Hutchings began to feel less burdened. At practices and during meetings, he put his head down and toiled, "a shut-up-and-work guy," Helton said, despite Hutchings' natural loquaciousness.

This summer, Hutchings felt rejuvenated. Pendergast had returned and it was "like he found new life," Hawkins said.

Teammates who respected his quiet work ethic now look to him as a leader. When USC chose its four team captains, Hutchings and quarterback Max Browne were the only ones who had not already been regularly starting.

Before a recent practice, Hutchings recounted all that's happened since his father's illness, noting it was the first time he had been able to talk about everything without crying.

He said one memory sustained him when he thought he was done with the game: The first time he saw his father in the hospital, both knew they had but a few days left together. For one of the first times, they talked about anything but football.

"He said he was proud to see where I had made it already," Hutchings said. "He was proud of where I was."

He paused.

"He was proud of me," Hutchings said again.

He said it made him feel free.

There's still a void, he said, but the family is learning to cope. Two weeks ago, before his first game as a captain, Hutchings was relaxing in his hotel room when Joyce called.

Joyce has been making these calls since Big Mike died. Hutchings said his mother mostly offered encouragement, but she had picked up some football, too. "How could you not?" Joyce said, laughing.

So, on the phone, she told him what Big Mike might say: "Don't get tied up with those linemen. . . . Get your stance together. . . . Hit the swim move."

At the end of each call, she includes a final reminder.

Just play, she tells him, "like your dad taught you."

Born Entertainer
By Katie Ryan, USC Assistant SID, Nov. 5, 2016

Los Angeles is known as the entertainment capital of the world. It is home to many iconic movie, television and music companies. Its world famous amusement parks and other tourist attractions draw millions of visitors to the sun-drenched area each year. The legendary Hollywood Walk of Fame and Rodeo Drive are filled each day with people hoping for a glimpse of one of their favorite celebrities. This is where people come to pursue their dreams.

Only a short drive from these famous destinations is the University of Southern California. Known as one of the preeminent universities in America, it draws students from approximately 115 countries. Likewise USC is known as a football powerhouse that has won 11 National Championships, while producing six Heisman Trophy winners. Almost 500 NFL players have come out of Troy, with 12 of them permanently ensconced in the NFL Hall of Fame. As a result, it is no surprise that USC is the prime destination for young men pursuing their own athletic dreams.

One of those student-athletes chasing his own dreams at USC is Adoree' Jackson. Jackson has many accomplishments on the gridiron. He is considered by many to be the best cornerback to ever don a Trojan uniform. Jackson's game drips with flash and swag, and his goal remains simple: to entertain.

Throughout his time at Troy, Jackson has decorated his stats sheet. He has recorded 163 tackles, seven interceptions with one returned for a touchdown, 37 receptions for 552 yards and five touchdowns and 11 carries for 61 yards. He has tallied 69 kickoff returns with three touchdowns, and 41 punt returns for 483 yards with three touchdowns. He has scored a touchdown via pass reception, interception, punt return and kickoff return. Nine days ago against California, he surpassed Curtis Conway for first place on USC's career kickoff return list with 1,838 yards.

Jackson appeared athletically gifted from a young age.

"My mom would always tell me the first time she saw me jump clear over the bed when I was three that she knew right then," Jackson said.

Jackson grew up in East St. Louis, Ill., a city with a well-earned reputation for violent crime, about 10 times the national average.

But that's not the experience Jackson had. For him, it was good and safe home that remains full of fond memories.

"When people hear where I'm from they probably think it was the worst city ever or that people don't come out of there," he said. "But, I had a great experience. It's home to me. People say that it's one of the most dangerous cities in America, but when I think of my city, I just think about all the memories of me hanging out and playing sports around the yard with my friends."

With his natural athleticism, Jackson played many different sports.

"I started off playing basketball when I was three," said Jackson. "I then played baseball. I saw Mark McGwire play so I wanted to play. Then I started playing soccer for about four years. That was my thing. I thought I was awesome, but then I got into football in the sixth grade, and I liked football a little bit more than soccer. I stopped playing. I was always in sports and always doing something to be active. It really helped to keep me out of trouble."

Before his sophomore year of high school in 2011, Jackson moved to Los Angeles to live with his sister and attend Serra High School in Gardena, Calif.

"It was different coming from the city I'm from," he said. "There's really not much out there. People would categorize where I moved to in L.A. as the hood. If you take a city in L.A. and compare it to where I grew up, it's totally different. People say this is the hood, but I would tell them that this is the nicest hood I've ever seen in my life."

Serra is a hotbed for football talent, and many Serra football players have made their way to Troy. Marqise Lee, Robert Woods and George Farmer are just a few of the greats who have moved to the NFL from USC after prepping at Serra. Attending Serra brings added pressure for those young athletes to continue to live up to the standard of greatness of their predecessors.

"There's a lot of talent that comes out of Serra," Jackson said. "It creates a lot of motivation. You didn't want to go to college and not live up to the past. When you watch your friends and former teammates all doing something spectacular, you want to live up to that hype."

Jackson did just that. After establishing himself as one of the best prep football players in the nation, he received offers from almost every major college program. Jackson had many incredible options, but he knew USC was the best choice for him and his future.

"I chose USC because I felt like it fit my personality and who I was," he said. "I wanted to succeed both on and off the field, and USC was the best place to do that. The networking here is incomparable, and being in this large media market is a great opportunity for us as student-athletes."

Although Jackson plays primarily on the defensive side of the ball, he is still one of the most exciting players to watch on the field. His dynamic athleticism is electric, and he brings the Coliseum to life when he steps on the field.

"I like playing corner because the crowd is always loud when we are on defense," said Jackson. "They are trying to distract the offense, and they get even louder when you make a play or a stop. On defense, you don't really get to make a lot of plays. I like it because I know that I can be one of those people that when I get the opportunity to make a play, I can make a play that people will remember. The players on offense get the ball all the time. As a defensive back, you're not getting that many opportunities. You may get targeted two or three times, so you have to decide what you're going to do with those three times that you're targeted."

Jackson grew up admiring certain players, and sees pieces of them in the way he plays.

"I like to take aspects from the games of (NFL stars) Tyrann Mathieu, Patrick Peterson, Darrelle Revis and try to put it in my game," he said. "On the offensive side of the ball, Chad Johnson was one of my favorite players growing up. I loved his flashiness. He was a baller, and he had a little swag to him. He would showboat a little bit. I just thought he had too much fun. They were pretty much like entertainers. That's what I want to do. I just want to be on the field, put smiles on people's faces and entertain them."

And entertain them he does. From his wild flips into the end zone to his thrilling one-toe catches, he never ceases to provide an exciting performance. Jackson's desire to make other people happy genuinely reflects the corner's personality.

While he shows off his flashy side on the field, Jackson is very much a quiet, mild-mannered young man. Respectful beyond measure, it's common to see him be the first to go over to an injured opponent to say some kind words and show good sportsmanship.

Off the field, Jackson prefers to lay low and rarely watches sports.

"I watch the Food Network, and I cook a lot," he said. "People don't expect that. Whatever I see on the Food Network I want to try to make. I watch a lot of reality shows like The Bachelor. I don't watch sports that much unless I want to watch my Rams play.

"I don't hold it against them that they left St. Louis. They're still my team," he said, adding with a laugh. "I just won't call them the L.A Rams."

Being a big name football player in Los Angeles can be overwhelming. Jackson prides himself on the fact he is able to stay grounded and focused amidst it all.

"My parents taught me to stay on the right path," Jackson said. "I always went to church every Sunday. My mom is a lady of faith and my dad is as well. They always remind me to be humble. My mom is always telling me to stay humble because God gave you this ability and he can take it away in the blink of an eye."

Jackson's mother is the ultimate example of faith for her son. She was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and was unable to attend any of her son's games in the 2015 season. She was able to beat the disease and had the opportunity to watch Jackson light up the Coliseum in 2016.

"God, he saved me in four months," she said in an outburst of emotion during a live post-game interview with Jackson earlier this year. "He gave me back to my baby, so I can see every game and I can be the proudest momma."

Jackson's faith is an important part of every game he is a part of.

"My faith keeps me focused for games too. I read the Bible for my pregame ritual. I read Psalm 23 three times before I go out on the field."

Since Jackson is held in such high esteem by his teammates, they voted him a team captain for the 2016 season.

"Actually I was shocked that they voted me captain," he said. "I was excited, but I was shocked at the same time. I think it's because I show leadership though my actions. I don't really tell people what to do; I just go out there and display it. My focus is making sure my team is happy and positive. If they see me down, then they will get down."

Jackson is a communication major, but, like many teammates, is also studying real estate and is pursuing a real estate finance minor, in part to give back to his hometown.

"I want to give back to where I came from and feel this is a way I can do it," he said.

Even though he's a humble person, Jackson still hears his own hype. When people describe him as one of the best players in college football, it creates a fire within him to prove more.

"I always heard people say you have the potential to be one of the best corners to play the game," said Jackson. "I'm appreciative that they think so highly of me. I know that I have so much more to give and so much more to prove because I never have had just a full off-season of football and just working on my craft. I'm thankful, but I have to keep working to be even better than they ever thought I could be."

It is true Jackson has never had an off-season to completely dedicate to football. In the spring, he dedicates his time to being a long jumper and sprinter on USC's track team where his natural athleticism shines. He claimed the 2015 and 2016 Pac-12 outdoor long jump titles and placed second in the Pac-12 100 meters in 2016. Both years, he was named an All-American after twice placing fifth in the NCAA long jump competition.

Jackson competed at the 2016 Olympic trials where he finished 10th, just seven spots shy of securing a trip to Rio. He has also expressed interest in competing in the 2017 World Championships.

Jackson's desire to continue to improve is insatiable. However, at the end of the day, all he wants to do is put a smile people's faces.

"I feel like laughing and smiling is healing in my opinion. So if you see me playing on TV or if I can make you smile or do something to brighten up your day, then I'm doing something right," Jackson said with his million-dollar smile. "That's what I love about playing football."

It's hair today, gone (for touchdowns) tomorrow for USC's Ronald Jones II
By Zach Helfand, Los Angeles Times, Nov. 24, 2016

If prompted, Ronald Jones II can produce a bag containing a prodigious set of dreadlocks, which he keeps at his residence.

They are his — or used to be. He cut his hair this summer and couldn't summon the will to discard the locks.

By the middle of USC's season, he was glad they were still around. Jones was struggling, and no one could crack the puzzle. He looked a little impatient. His vision was off. But why? After one game, he suggested to reporters that it was the hair. Everyone laughed. Jones, it turned out, was not joking.

"I was thinking about reattaching it to give me my strength," Jones said, sitting outside USC's football facilities one day this week. He did not laugh.

"We kind of compared it to Samson in the Bible," his mother, Jackie Jones, confirmed. "He really thought that."

Jones, USC's explosive starting tailback, knows what makes him happy. He likes the Texas fast-food chain Whataburger. He likes to run the football. And he liked his dreads.

When Jones is happy and confident, he has been nearly impossible to stop. He has averaged 152 yards per game over USC's last four games, and he is 107 away from 1,000 on the season. Getting that confidence has been the only tricky part.

As a freshman last season, Jones, who is from Dallas, missed some early fall practices because of homesickness. It wasn't that he was lonely so much as physically ill.

"I wasn't breathing straight, I wasn't thinking right," he said. "I don't know, it was just something triggered. I would literally get dizzy, and I wouldn't know what was going on. My judgment was off. My vision was blurry. The sun seemed extra bright."

The doctor thought the new locale might have aggravated Jones' allergies, but Jones thought it was more than that. He'd been excited to leave home. Jones is the second eldest of five siblings. Jackie Jones, a social worker for 15 years, adopted his three younger siblings, survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Jones was counted on to help out.

Jackie bought him a car when he was 15, and even though he was too young to legally drive, he'd ferry his brother and sisters to track practice, basketball practice, leadership classes. He was responsible for ironing his brother's clothes. He told his mother he couldn't wait to get to school and never iron again.

But when he arrived, the change was a lot. Schoolwork was grueling. The food was new and strange.

When Jones, feeling better, returned to practice, he told reporters that his problem was a Whataburger deficiency, and he wasn't joking this time, either.

In Los Angeles, he said, "it was a bunch of sushi and stuff. I had never tried it. But I was open, I tried a California roll. I didn't like it."

Two things helped. When his mother would visit for games, she began picking up his usual Whataburger order at the airport in Dallas: two patty melts, onion rings and, sometimes, a Fanta strawberry. She still brings it each time she visits, though Jones has now found some suitable replacements in Los Angeles.

And Jones began sessions with one of USC's sports psychologists, where he discussed his anxiety and, over the course of a couple months, began to feel more comfortable.

His adjustment on the field was less stressful; He set USC's freshman rushing record last season with his dreadlocks flapping against his shoulder pads, as if waving goodbye to chasing defenders.

His homesickness had been vanquished when, during the off-season, he and his mother made a wager over an NFL game. Jackie had been fixing to cut Jones' hair. She thought a closer crop would look cleaner, more professional. So that was the wager.

Jones lost. He cut the dreadlocks himself during summer practices, then had a barber trim up the rest.

Jones had been growing the dreads since eighth grade, a nod to his Jamaican heritage. Once, they'd been even longer, but high school opponents would grab hold of them and try to drag him down, so he cut them to shoulder length. Jones, a track star in high school, said they made him feel fast and strong.

"In the black community, we say our hair is our crown," Jackie Jones said. "It's a symbol of pride."

"Without the dreadlocks, Jones said, "I wasn't sure if I would be the same player."

The universe seemed to provide him with confirmation. Jones, playing behind Justin Davis at the beginning of the season, averaged just 35 yards in the first six games.

Word eventually filtered back to USC Coach Clay Helton, who clutched his gut laughing this week when recalling the time he first heard of Jones' theory. Helton has been coaching for a long time, but that was a first.

Helton, not given to much mysticism, wasn't a believer. Jones' uneven start was probably a result of inconsistent carries more than anything. His resurgence coincided with an injury to Davis that significantly increased Jones' workload.

"So maybe he's got his groove back after a couple hundred-yard games, that he's learned he could do it without it," Helton said of the hair.

Or is it just that Jones' hair had some time to grow back? Jones said he'd probably regrow the dreadlocks, just to be safe.

From Mobile to Los Angeles, USC's Tee Martin has charted his own course
By Ted Miller, ESPN, Aug. 26, 2016

Tamaurice Nigel Martin is upset, despite just making public his commitment to play quarterback for Tennessee. It's winter of 1996. While social media doesn't yet exist, Martin, his family and friends had been hearing the judgmental grousing from Alabama and Auburn fans about a celebrated Mobile product leaving the state to play college football.

The car bringing Martin home stops in the Thomas James Place housing projects -- known locally as Birdville because all the streets are named after birds -- and the young man not yet popularly known as "Tee" Martin concludes what seemed like a cathartic rant.

"These people don't know me, don't know who I am," Martin said. "They don't care about me. I'm going to Tennessee because this is my decision, not theirs."

He then casted a sideways grin because he knew the driver didn't spend much time in one of the toughest sections of Mobile: "You know how to get out of here?"

This is a paraphrase of a two-decades old conversation, but Tee Martin, now USC first-year offensive coordinator, says he remembers it. It's illustrative of a developing young person who was known as humble and polite but was also thoughtful, tough-minded and opinionated beneath the surface. Sort of like the 38-year-old man he has become.

"Tee's whole life has been about decisions," said Duke coach David Cutcliffe, who was Tennessee offensive coordinator from 1993 to '98. "His life growing up was not easy. It was about deciding whether to be on the good side of the street or the bad side."

Sitting in his office at the John McKay Center in Los Angeles, Martin leans back in his chair and throws a small ball into the air, catches it and dusts off the past inside his head. It has been quite a journey, one that will circle back in some ways as he eyeballs the unenviable task of preparing for Alabama and a Nick Saban-led defense in the Trojans' season opener on Sept. 3 at AT&T Stadium (ABC, 8 p.m. ET).

Martin's path to becoming an up-and-coming coaching prospect has been circuitous and fortunate. He emerged from poverty to win a national title at Tennessee but mostly washed out in the NFL, a result that still frustrates him. For a while, he felt as if he inhabited a football purgatory. Then it seemed as if everyone wanted to hire him.

He has been coached, recruited, mentored and hired by a veritable who's who in football -- Peyton Manning, Al Davis, Chip Kelly, Donovan McNabb, Lane Kiffin, etc., all make appearances in his life story -- but he reserves his most effusive praise for a network of women, and youth and high school coaches who nurtured and kept him out of trouble while he grew up in an area where violence was a daily reality.

"For me, I never focused on what I didn't have," Martin said. "I focused on what I did have. What I did have -- the biggest resource I had when I didn't have financial resources -- was the people."

One of those people was Henry Pough, a pastor and youth football coach who recently represented Martin when he was announced as a selection for the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame.

Their enduring relationship began this way: Pough was coaching a football practice. A 10-year old Martin was watching. When a ball got loose and ended up at Martin's feet, he threw it back.

"When he threw it back, I looked at my assistant coach, and we were amazed," Pough said. "So I said, 'Back up a little bit,' and we started throwing it at about 30 yards. It was a tight spiral with pop to it. I said, 'Wait right there until my practice is over.' So I went and started begging his momma to let him play."

Martin's mother, Marie Hall, wasn't an easy sell. Baseball had been her son's sport. And what about expenses and transportation? Pough said he had it covered.

Almost immediately, Martin became a star quarterback who played both ways when the best athlete on the field was needed. Pough said he often let Martin call his own plays, something Martin also would do as an upperclassman at Williamson High School as he became a national prospect.

"I don't know if we could have won a game without Tamaurice Martin," then-Williamson coach Curtis Horton said. "His senior year, we only had 27 boys out. We didn't have a lot of talent. He carried Williamson on his back. We went to the third round of the playoffs."

Martin excelled on the football field and in the classroom. He was placed in an honors program at Williamson that met daily in the school library. Surrounded by bright, motivated young people, he became as competitive for grades as he was for touchdowns.

Football and school offered escape from the streets and the insecurity of his home life. His mother had him when she was 17, and his father was in and out of his life. While his mother worked hard and tried to find her way -- she's a nurse now -- he was mostly raised by his grandmother and great-grandmother.

"They called me a gypsy at one time because it was like we were moving every year, just to keep up," Hall, his mother, said. "And it was some of the worst neighborhoods you could live in -- the drugs, the killing, the gang banging, anything you could name, it was going on all around us. He didn't get stability in his life really until he was at Tennessee."

Martin resists talking about this time -- "I never wanted the sad story to come up with the violins, growing up poor," he said -- and it eventually comes out almost like a dare. As in, do you really want to know? Like that time he was out with friends his junior year of high school.

"Things can escalate really fast," he recalled. "Sometimes you'd want to be there to witness it -- guys about to duke it out. But they weren't going to play with fists. They were going to play with guns. And I was like, 'Hmm, those are the words and I'm gone.' I had a couple of buddies who stayed and one of them got shot and killed. We came there together. It messed me up for a while. It was like, 'Imagine if you had stayed?'"

Martin thought he could lead his friends away from trouble. Even as an adolescent, he saw the long game, the potential routes of escape. Horton and Williamson principal Fred Green, among others, told Martin he couldn't save everyone and that his trying too hard might lead to guilt by association.

"I got harassed by the cops, pulled over wrongfully," Martin said. "I've been right there with a friend being killed right in front of me. You'd hear about the murders. I had family members incarcerated. Everything that you could imagine -- seeing without being a part of -- I was there. I've been very close to being in the wrong place at the wrong time, too, but just had the wherewithal to know, 'It's time to go ... right now. Like not five minutes from now, right now.' And being strong enough to follow through."

His primary and most consistent caregiver was his great grandmother, Mary Posey. She taught him how to take care of himself, how to make do with what they had and to be respectful to adults.

"It doesn't matter how many pairs of pants you have as long as they are clean, as long as you iron them, as long as you smell good. Period. Go wash your hair, go brush your teeth. You're fine," Martin said. "I was way more confident than people maybe thought I should have been because of what they thought I didn't have. I thought I was fly, even if I didn't have the Jordans. I might have on Reeboks and these jeans I also wore on Monday, but I look better than you and your Jordans. I had this confidence because of how I was raised.

"I got teased. But I didn't take being teased as something was wrong with me. I took it as, 'You guys just wait. Give me a couple of years.' It motivated me. To me, I was like, 'Just wait. Just wait . I know where this story ends. You don't.'"

Martin's favorite colleges were Miami and Florida State, but he particularly liked the Seminoles because of Charlie Ward. Martin wore No. 17 to be like Ward and Joe Gilliam and Doug Williams, pioneering black NFL quarterbacks. He wrote "McNair" inside his helmet for 1995 NFL first-round pick Steve McNair.

His decision to go to Tennessee was a carefully measured one. Then-Alabama coach Gene Stallings was honest with Martin: He thought Freddie Kitchens was the Crimson Tide's present and future behind center. Martin didn't want to compete for the starting job with friend Dameyune Craig at Auburn. That said, he also didn't want to play immediately. He knew he had a lot to learn.

"If I'm going to sit, what better person to learn from than Peyton Manning, this young phenom?" he said.

The culture shock was extreme for Martin at Tennessee, socially, culturally and in football. Manning and Cutcliffe were doing offensive calculus in meetings, and it was Martin's job to figure out what was going on and catch up.

Martin became a listener, an observer and would pepper Manning with questions.

"He was always very bright, always very studious, understood the game, was involved in meetings," Manning said. "He understood the importance of preparation. The mental side of it, he took that very seriously. The great coaches are able to teach the physical side and the mental side of it. I think Tee understands the importance of both."

Winning a national championship requires many things. Former Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer lauded Martin's patience, noting how he never showed any frustration when Manning shocked many by returning for his senior season in 1997. That was noticed in the locker room, as was Martin's ability to handle a halftime blistering from Cutcliffe during a visit to Georgia midway through that charmed undefeated 1998 season.

The Volunteers won their national title not only a year after perhaps the greatest quarterback in history left, but also without their best offensive player, running back Jamal Lewis, who blew out his knee in the fourth game of the season at Auburn. Martin didn't put up huge passing numbers like Manning, but he made key plays. He rallied the Vols in the opener at Syracuse -- a 55-yard, late-game scramble on third-and-10 -- he beat Vols nemesis Steve Spurrier and Florida, he set an NCAA record with 23 consecutive completions against South Carolina, and he beat favored Florida State for the first BCS national title, giving the program its first national championships since 1951.

"He's what I call a great crossover leader," Cutcliffe said. "Tee got along great with everybody on the team - offense, defense, seniors to freshmen, racial lines, across the board. And what he did so well that year is he meshed with Al Wilson, who was without question our defensive leader and best football player."

Fulmer speculated that what Martin projected while leading the Vols in 1998 is the same quality that serves him as a college coach. When told USC offensive tackle Zach Banner said that Martin "sees the game like a coach and like a player," Fulmer seems to nod through the phone.

"It's just his persona," Fulmer said. "He just has a really confident way about him. An excellent communicator. He's like the pied piper with kids. It's phenomenal to watch."

Yet Martin's journey is not without its tangles.

While he said he enjoyed the 1999 season -- a 9-3 finish after a Fiesta Bowl loss to Nebraska -- he also admits that the national title was the "pinnacle" of his playing career. The next decade, from his senior season to his hiring at New Mexico by Mike Locksley in 2009, including pro football wanderings -- three years in the NFL, two years in the CFL -- mostly featured professional uncertainty.

His NFL stats: 69 yards passing, one interception, no TDs.

"It was a blink of the eye," he said. "You're excited one moment, then you're frustrated the next moment. You don't feel like you got an opportunity and in a couple of years you're out of the league. You ask, 'What's next?' It's hard for a young athlete in any sport to understand that he can't play any more. There were some very dark moments, some dark times."

His senior year at Tennessee, Martin became a father of twins, daughter A'Yadra and son Amari Rodgers, but the relationship with their mother didn't work out. Rodgers, a receiver ranked 103rd on the ESPN Recruiting 300, was once committed to USC but changed his mind and opted for Clemson. Martin calls this "a sensitive subject," but adds that his relationship is good with both.

In 2002, while he was trying to stick in the NFL, the NCAA looked into charges that he took impermissible benefits his senior year. He admitted taking money from a family friend, and he was eventually cleared by the NCAA and SEC.

"It still was a black eye in terms of the story," Martin said. "When I got cleared, it was a short story at the bottom of the sports section but when the investigation first came out it was the top story."

He married pop singer, Toya, in 2005 as his CFL career was ending, and they have two children, but figuring out what was next after the NFL wasn't easy. He dabbled in TV, personal training and private coaching, feeling directionless but also uncertain if he wanted to commit to the grind of coaching. Tennessee, among others, turned him down for GA opportunities. He coached at Morehouse College and two Atlanta public schools before catching then-Oregon coach Chip Kelly's eye.

He turned down Kelly's offer of a job as a receivers coach in 2009 to be New Mexico's quarterbacks coach, an eyebrow-raising decision, he admits.

"Now, I feel like an idiot. But at the time, I felt like that's what I know. I knew I could coach quarterbacks," he said, noting with some amusement that he would then coach receivers at Kentucky and during his first four years at USC.

He has remained at USC, even though he's now on his third Trojans head coach, Clay Helton, passing on a number of southeastern opportunities. While Martin's coaching reputation rose because of his recruiting ability, Helton handed over play-calling duties to him and has been effusive praising Martin's feel for the game.

"In my 21 years, he's the most complete coach I've ever been around," Helton said. "I know I'm not going to have him forever. The guy's going to be a head coach here soon."

Martin waves away the head coaching talk, but more than a few athletic directors will be watching the USC-Alabama game with a focus on how Martin handles a defensive juggernaut.

He smiles, looks at the ceiling and throws the ball into the air again, "My motto is, 'Grow where you're planted.'"

Thus far, through every challenge, that has worked pretty well for him.

JuJu's On That Beat.... And Everyone Is Listening
By Andrew McKagan, USC Sports Information Student Assistant, Nov. 26, 2016

It was a crisp night in South Bend, Ind., in 2015. The crowd was in full throat, one of the loudest that particular group of Trojans had ever faced.

Quarterback Cody Kessler took the snap and scanned the field before launching a pass down the right sideline toward a double-covered JuJu Smith-Schuster. Like a basketball player, Smith-Schuster staved off one defender with his body, gaining position on the ball, while absorbing a hit from the second defender, successfully coming up with the catch in the process of it all.

But for Smith-Schuster, the most satisfying part of this play wasn't the play itself—it was the reaction of the Notre Dame crowd...silence.

"That was one of my favorite memories," he said of USC's matchup last year with Notre Dame. "Even though it was a loss, our team went in there, and it was us against the whole stadium. It was a challenge, and I was able to make some big plays and silence the crowd, which is my favorite thing about football."

To say that the 6-foot-2, 220-pound standout Trojan wide receiver plays with emotion would be an understatement. He feeds off of it, whether it comes from the crowd, his teammates or himself. He channels his raw passions directly into his play on the field, and unapologetically so.

Sometimes, Smith-Schuster can let his passion and competitiveness get the best of him. But this raw emotion isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"I would rather have it like that to be honest with you," USC Head Coach Clay Helton said. "What you're always scared of is all of a sudden is you have a huge game and you come back a little lackadaisical."

Smith-Schuster has a highly unique personality. He has an affinity for distinctive backpacks and has been seen in the past sporting Elmo and Minions themed bags around the McKay Center, often blasting music through portable speakers that he's rarely without.

"He's just a giant goofball," said sophomore cornerback Iman Marshall. "Everyone loves it. He's the comedian in the locker room, but his humor isn't very straightforward."

Said sophomore receiver Deontay Burnett: "It takes everyone's mind off of football for a second. It gives us some comic relief.

That's the essence of JuJu—he isn't afraid to be his dynamic self, on or off the field. You can see it in his humorous "JuJu On That Beat" dance video that went viral, attracting over 600,000 views despite of – or maybe because of -- his self-admitted questionable dance skills.

"I'm not a good dancer at all," Smith-Schuster chuckled. "It took me one or two tries to learn that dance off of YouTube. I was just having fun, being myself."

What he lacks on the dance floor, Smith-Schuster makes up for on the gridiron. He leads the team in receiving with 51 catches for 682 yards and eight touchdowns, but his impact on the Trojans is much wider-reaching than that.

"He'll attract double or sometimes triple coverage sometimes, and it opens up opportunities for us other receivers to make plays," said fellow starting wideout Darreus Rogers.

And it's true; the defense always has to account for Smith-Schuster.

"His NFL comparison is Julio Jones," said Burnett of the Long Beach Poly graduate. "He's big and fast, just a playmaker. An animal."

After a breakout season in 2015 in which he caught 89 passes for 1,454 yards and 10 touchdowns en route to All-Pac-12 first team honors and semifinalist nod for the Biletnikoff Award, opponents have been focusing more and more attention on Smith-Schuster this season and it has opened up the field for his fellow pass catchers.

Both Rogers and Burnett are having career years, with 44 and 35 receptions for 571 and 396 yards, respectively. Even freshman tight end Daniel Imatorbhebhe is enjoying the lesser attention given to him by opponents in the red zone and has capitalized with four touchdowns, good for second on the team.

That said, Smith-Schuster is still marching up the USC career ladder and is currently seventh on the Trojans' career pass-catching chart with 194 for 2,860 yards and 23 TDs.

Smith-Schuster's influence on the Trojans goes well beyond the field, too.

"JuJu cares about everyone, and you know that as a teammate. He treats you like family," Marshall said. "He's a workaholic, and he tries to get better every week. If you show that same commitment to the team, JuJu will fight for you to the death."

In this vein, JuJu has played a role of mentorship to younger players on the team, especially Burnett. Burnett, who has come into his own as a shifty, reliable playmaking threat this year, said that Smith-Schuster's tutelage made a major difference last offseason.

"I learned a lot from JuJu last year as a freshman, and he pointed things out to me on tape and taught me how to work on my game in the offseason," Burnett said. "He made it a lot easier for me to absorb and become acclimated to the game."

Though he has made the game more comfortable for his teammates, Smith-Schuster likes to push himself outside of his comfort zone. There's always something he is looking to better about his game and himself.

"I'd love to get my completion percentage up on deep balls," he said. "Winning at the point-of-attack, just being more consistent is something I can get better at."

As a person, Smith-Schuster loves pushing himself to gather new life experiences. He wants to use his first paycheck post-college to visit Iceland, sit in a hot spring and take in Aurora Borealis. But since football takes up most of his time these days, he relies more on the digital world for adventure.

"I don't really watch football on my time off," Smith-Schuster shared. "I love playing Call of Duty instead. It's like a puzzle. You mix the challenge of the game with all the different maps and environments."

After his playing career is over, the psychology major said he wants to work in video game development, testing games before they're released to the public. He is currently enrolled in a video game programming class and is obsessed with creating unique environments and experiences for the user.

As someone who likes to think and play outside-the-box, the junior receiver's calling card is his unpredictability.

"He has so many strengths that you never know what he's going to do on the field and you never really know what he's going to say off of it, either," said Marshall.

But one thing that has always remained constant is the importance of Smith-Schuster's family in his life.

"They're one of the main reasons I'm a Trojan today," said the Long Beach native, who still goes home often on Sundays to attend church with his family.

Perhaps through a renewed faith in each other, the Trojans are currently riding a six-game win streak. But just like in the 2015 game in South Bend, USC is in an us-against-the-world mentality as they clamor to remain in the hunt for the Pac 12 Championship.

The good news for the Trojans is that their top wide receiver relishes situations like this. Smith-Schuster gives them a veteran presence who is a constant threat to score on any given play. So long as the #9 is on the field, the Trojan offense will stay on that beat.

After living in his car, Stevie Tu'ikolovatu has made USC his home
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The sun was peeking over the Santa Monica Mountains, shining through the double-tinted windows. Out the other window, the Pacific Ocean sparkled. And in the back of his 2004 Chevrolet Suburban, Stevie Tu'ikolovatu was sound asleep when there came a rapping on his window.

Private security guards, Tu'ikolovatu had found, usually had the same question. What in the world was this big man doing sleeping in a car in Malibu?

Often, it was easier to move than to explain.

Where would he even start? A few months ago, Tu'ikolovatu was living comfortably, with a wife and free housing, as a member of Utah's football team. He'd been a periodic starter on a fearsome defensive line. But a search for more playing time, and a more personal journey to find what he believed was his purpose in life, had led him here, to the streets and beaches of Southern California, in a sort of limbo.

"Pretty much homeless, I guess you could say," Tu'ikolovatu said.

Tu'ikolovatu was planning to transfer to USC. But NCAA rules prohibit a school from providing a recruit with benefits, like a stipend or housing, until he is enrolled. That would happen once his transcript arrived from Utah. But the paperwork was taking some time.

After his junior season, Tu'ikolovatu (pronounced "Tooey-kolo-vah-too") sat down with his wife, Kalo, at a crossroads. Utah's defensive line was so loaded his playing time was scarce. His best shot at the pros would be elsewhere.

He was also set to enroll in graduate school. What did he want to do with his life after football?

They reflected on what was important to him. His mind kept returning to his grandfather.

"Stevie's an old soul," Kalo said. "He's always with the elderly. He just flocks to them."

"They have a lot more wisdom than anybody else," Tu'ikolovatu explained. "And I like to learn."

He thought of one memory in particular. When Tu'ikolovatu was in high school in Salt Lake City, his grandfather, Sonasi Po'uha, had fallen ill with terminal cancer. Po'uha, who, like Tu'ikolovatu's parents, had emigrated from Tonga, decided to live his final days at home instead of the hospital. The whole extended family moved in with him, a couple dozen in all.

"I just remember we partied every day," Tu'ikolovatu said. "We roasted a pig every day. He wasn't supposed to eat that stuff because he had colon cancer. And he wasn't supposed to drink any soda. So when he got sent home, we brought in all the Dr. Pepper, brought in all the food, anything he wanted to eat."

His grandfather was happy, Tu'ikolovatu recalled. It left an impression.

Now, thinking about their future, Tu'ikolovatu and Kalo started to dream. One day, they decided, they'd open up elderly-care facilities all across Southern California.

Meanwhile, USC was desperate for defensive-line help and happened to have a renowned gerontology school. It was an ideal match.

But his transcript still hadn't arrived. He waited, he grew antsy.

"He was just like, 'I need to go, I need to just go already,' " Kalo recalled. "He just wanted to be with the team."

A friend hooked him up with a flight to Los Angeles. He stuffed some workout clothes in a bag and hopped on the plane, so he could practice with his new teammates.

At first, Tu'ikolovatu rented a small car, and on the nights before workouts, he'd park on a street near campus. Other days, he'd venture out across the city. "When I got tired of driving, I would just park the thing," he said.

He learned which cities had more proactive guards (Santa Monica, Malibu). He memorized the street sweepers' schedules, so he wouldn't awake to a clamor or a ticket.

Eventually, his parents delivered his Suburban to California, and he removed the back seat to provide more room. Still, his 6-foot-1, 320-pound body did not agree with the back of an SUV.

"It started getting comfortable towards the end because my body sort of adjusted to sleeping in a car. But no, for the most part, not really," he said.

Meanwhile, Kalo was in Salt Lake City, working for a hospital, and was the pair's only breadwinner. Both Mormon, they'd met at church. They have been married about a year. After a few weeks of waiting, Kalo grew anguished thinking of her husband alone on the unfamiliar streets. She quit her job and moved to Los Angeles. Now there were two in the car.

They settled into a routine. At dawn, they'd work out in the sand. Then Kalo would drop him off at USC while she hunted for a job. At around 5 p.m., she'd pick him up.

Kalo outfitted the car with shower curtains to keep out the sun. They showered at the beach. They found a favorite spot atop a parking garage in Huntington Beach, where they could wake early to view the sun rise over the Santa Ana foothills and bathe in the sprawl of Orange County.

On weekends, they'd work out early, then spend the rest of the day swimming or exploring. "We were basically all around the coast," Kalo said. "We were little hippies."

Toward the end of the day, they'd buy meat from a Dollar Tree and barbecue on the beach, using a grill Tu'ikolovatu had rigged from an aluminum-foil pan, pieces of wood and lighter fluid.

Some relatives lived near Inglewood, and Tu'ikolovatu spent a night, here and there, with them. The USC coaches, too, tried to arrange for him to stay with a teammate, Kalo recalled.

But, she continued, "My husband is a very, very particular person. He likes to be dependent on himself. He doesn't like to burden anyone."

So he awaited his transcript's arrival. After a few more weeks of nothing, he checked in with Utah. A hold had been placed on his transcript: He hadn't paid an outstanding fee. He paid it off, and still, the transcript didn't come.

"I started to get the feeling like I don't belong on a team anymore," Tu'ikolovatu said.

He waited and prayed. When that didn't work, he checked in with Utah again. He was told he'd paid the fee but hadn't explicitly asked for his transcript to be released.

Would you like us to send it to USC, he was asked this time? He'd thought he'd been clear. "I was like, 'Yeah! Please!' " he said.

The next day, at last, the transcript reached USC. He was admitted soon after. On Aug. 3, the day before training camp, after almost a month and a half of living in his car, the couple moved into university housing.

A Utah spokeswoman declined to comment on Tu'ikolovatu's specific circumstances, citing privacy laws. According to university policy, a hold can be placed on a student's transcript for non-payment of a debt, such as a parking ticket or library fine.

"Stevie made his decision, we wish him well, and that's just kind of it," Utah Coach Kyle Whittingham told reporters this week. "We worry about our own guys right now."

For USC, he has been a blessing, one of the best players on defense. Tu'ikolovatu, 25, (he served a two-year mission in the Philippines) has been a steady, mature presence for an inexperienced group.

He told Kalo that he is making it a point to demonstrate compassion on the field. Each time he knocks over an opponent, he tries to offer a hand up.

"I go to bed thanking the Lord that he's on our football team," Coach Clay Helton said.

Kalo has seen her husband play for USC, in person, only once. She isn't traveling for away games, even back to Salt Lake City, to see Tu'ikolovatu play his old team on Friday.

She has done enough moving around. They have a real apartment now. So she'll watch him play from there.

#96 DT Stevie Tu'ikolovatu

#51 OG Damien Mama

#94 DE Rasheem Green

#4 S Chris Hawkins

#19 ILB Michael Hutchings

#88 TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe

#8 CB Iman Marshall

#22 S Leon McQuay III

#1 WR Darreus Rogers